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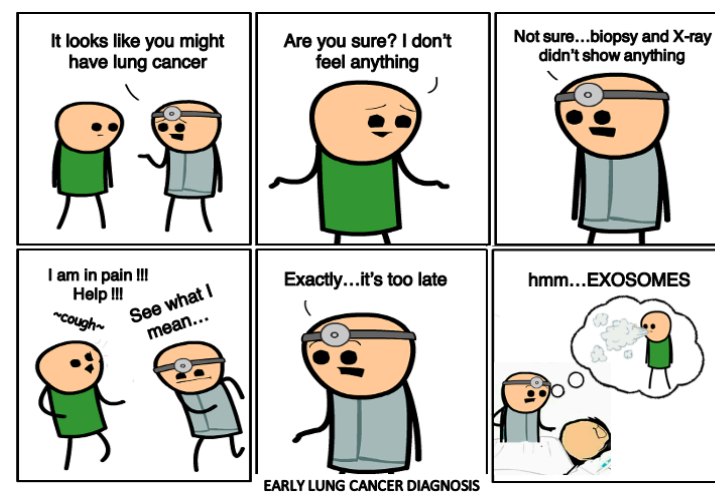
# Breath exosomes: Proteomics and functional enrichment analysis in the development of methodology for future diagnostic devices

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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<b>ACN:</b> acetonitrile
<b>APS:</b> ammonium persulfate
<b>AuNP:</b> gold nanoparticles
<b>BAL:</b> bronchoalveolar lavage
<b>BEP:</b> breath exosomal proteome
<b>BSA:</b> bovine serum albumin
<b>CCM:</b> conditioned cell culture media
<b>CRC:</b> colorectal cancer
<b>CT:</b> computer tomography
<b>ctDNA:</b> circulating tumor deoxyribonucleic acid
<b>Cryo-SEM:</b> cryogenic-scanning electron microscopy
<b>DLS:</b> dynamic light scattering
<b>DNA:</b> deoxyribonucleic acid
<b>DTT:</b> dithiothreitol
<b>EBC:</b> exhaled breath condensate
<b>EBUS:</b> endobronchial ultrasounds
<b>EBUS-TBNA:</b> endobronchial ultrasounds-transbronchial needle aspiration
<b>ESCRT:</b> endosomal sorting complex required for transport
<b>EV:</b> extracellular vesicles
<b>FA:</b> formic acid
<b>FBS:</b> fetal bovine serum
<b>FLIM:</b> fluorescent lifetime imaging microscopy
<b>FRET:</b> Förster resonance energy transfer
<b>GO:</b> gene ontology
<b>IAA:</b> iodoacetamide
<b>IRF:</b> instrument response function
<b>ISEV:</b> international society of extracellular vesicles
<b>iTRAQ:</b> isobaric tags for relative and absolute quantification
<b>KEGG:</b> Kyoto encyclopedia of genes and genomes



**LC-MS/MS:** liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry

**LDCT:** low dose computer tomography

**MALDI-TOF-MS:** matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization-time of flight mass spectrometry

**MISEV:** minimal information for studies of extracellular vesicles

**MRI:** magnetic resonance imaging

**NHS-Ester:** *N*-hydroxysuccinimidyl ester

**NSCLC:** non-small cell lung cancer

**NTA:** nanoparticle tracking analysis

**PBS:** phosphate buffered saline

**PEG:** polyethylene glycol

**PEP:** posterior error probability

**PET:** positron emission tomography

**PROSPR:** protein organic solvent precipitation

**RNA:** ribonucleic acid

**SDS:** sodium dodecyl sulfate

**SEC:** size exclusion chromatography

**SERC:** surface enhanced Raman spectroscopy

**sEVs:** small extracellular vesicles

**SNAREs:** soluble *N*-ethylmaleimide-sensitive factor attachment protein receptors

**SCLC:** small cell lung cancer

**SILAC:** stable isotope labeling by/with amino acids in cell culture

**STEM-EDS:** scanning transmission electron microscopy - energy dispersive spectroscopy

**TEM:** transmission electron microscopy

**TEMED:** tetramethylethylenediamine

**TFA:** trifluoroacetic acid

**TMT:** tandem mass tag

**UC:** differential ultracentrifugation

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## ABSTRACT

Exosomes are a type of extracellular vesicle that carry cargo, including proteins and nucleic acids, that reports on the conditions of their cell of origin. Exosomes can be isolated from a range of biological fluids, including blood and urine, and their use in clinical diagnostic applications has been extensively researched. Breath is an excellent source of biomarkers. Exosomes collected from exhaled breath concentrate offer untapped potential in the field. For example, exosomes secreted from the cells of the lung carry biomarkers of lung health and so report selectively on lung health. However, whilst several publications report the presence of breath exosomes, and some discuss potential applications, there is no published work on developing standardized procedures for isolating high purity exosomes for biomarker identification, nor have breath exosomes been extensively characterized. Studying exosomes can potentially increase the specificity of diagnosis with an ultimate goal to translate early diagnosis into early treatment.

In this study we report results of optimized methodology for isolation of exosomes from human breath and undertaken phenotyping of breath exosomes by comparing them to cell-derived exosomes. Determining the benchmark proteome of breath exosomes became the major achievement of this study. The proteome profile of breath-derived exosomes was identified for the first time from exosomes obtained from the breath of 55 healthy volunteers indicating that the protein cargo of cell- and breath-derived exosomes are somewhat similar. The results of this study suggest that the exosomal breath proteome may be used in future studies identifying new biomarkers of lung dysfunction, including lung cancer. The possibility of identifying putative lung cancer biomarkers was shown using exosomes isolated from the lung cancer cell model (A549), from which four candidates were selected and examined. Promising results from time-resolved studies concluded that a FRET-based assay can be considered as a new way to prove the presence of exosomes and with an ability to differentiate between cancer and normal cells. We foresee the use of exosomes in non-invasive breath-based clinical applications for medical diagnostics for lung cancer as an important future application.

## CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 EXOSOMES

#### 1.1.1 General characteristics of exosomes

Over 54 years ago, when Wolf first discovered exosomes while observing platelets in human plasma, he referred them as “platelet dust”<sup>1</sup>. Exosomes were simply considered as “trash compartments”<sup>2</sup>. The term “exosomes” was proposed later in 1987 by Johnstone et al<sup>2</sup> to clarify that they are a specific subtype of vesicles. They are small single-membraned vesicles formed by an endosomal route (i.e., through multivesicular bodies) and sized between 40 and 100 nm, although some sources consider them as ranging in size from 30 to 150 nm. Exosomes are enriched with proteins, nucleic acids, and lipids and originated from inward budding of the cellular membrane<sup>3,4</sup> (Fig. 1).

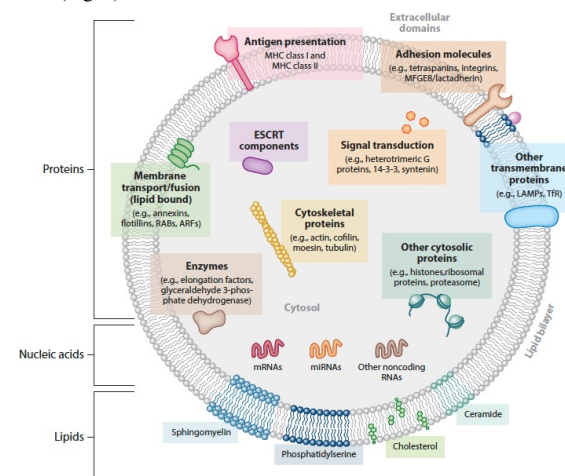


Figure 1. Overall composition of extracellular vesicles. Adapted from Colombo et al<sup>3</sup>.

Exosomes are generated by all type of cells and can be found in all biological fluids including tissue samples. In recent decades, exosomes have been isolated and characterized from various types of biological fluids, such as blood and plasma<sup>6,7</sup>, serum<sup>8</sup>, urine<sup>9–11</sup>, breast milk<sup>12–14</sup>, saliva<sup>15–19</sup>, tears<sup>20</sup>, and cerebral spinal fluid<sup>21</sup>. Several studies show that some exosomes remain associated with the original cell, whilst others are more widely distributed continuing sending signals to other surrounding cells<sup>22–25</sup>. More recently, their role has proven

to be more important than previously thought. For example, it is now believed that exosomes enable intercellular communication<sup>22,26</sup> by trafficking contents (nucleic acids, proteins and lipids) that provide information about the cell of origin and play vital roles in many cell mechanisms, including altering immune cell responses<sup>27</sup>, enhancing angiogenesis<sup>28</sup>, and inducing apoptosis<sup>29,30</sup>. Cellular components of exosomes can be “reassembled” into new vesicles and passed to other cells keeping intercellular communication active<sup>31</sup>. In addition, proteins found within exosomes have been shown to reflect the cell of origin<sup>5,22</sup>.

Besides exosomes, other subtypes of mammalian-derived extracellular vesicles (EVs) are known. They are larger in size than exosomes and known as microvesicles (or ectosomes) and apoptotic bodies<sup>22,31,32</sup>. The difference between exosomes and other EVs is in their biogenesis and will be explained below in 1.1.2. Briefly, microvesicles can reach up to 1 µm in diameter and are formed by outward budding, which is the opposite process of exosome formation. The composition of microvesicles will depend on the composition of the parental cell, the microenvironment, and on the triggers that resulted in their release<sup>22,33,34</sup>. Apoptotic bodies can range in size anywhere from 50 nm to 5000 nm. Unlike exosomes and microvesicles, they are highly enriched with proteins associated with the Golgi apparatus, nucleus, and mitochondria due to their release by dying cells<sup>35,36</sup>.

Although the protein content of EVs depends on their route of formation<sup>33,36,37</sup>, there are no specific single markers to distinguish exosomes from other subtypes of EVs. Instead, a combination of markers can be used to characterize each type of EV<sup>38</sup>. For example, the transmembrane protein CD81 is commonly found in exosomes, while another transmembrane protein, CD63, can be found in many EVs including exosomes<sup>38,39</sup> and microvesicles. A combination of CD81 and CD63 is generally considered an exosome-specific combination<sup>40</sup>. In a similar manner, several markers should be detected to verify the subtype of many types of EVs<sup>40,41</sup>.

### 1.1.2 Biogenesis and secretion of exosomes

The discovery of the molecular content of EVs opened a new page, allowing researchers to learn more about the biogenesis of exosomes. Exosomes are formed within endosomal membranes after going through several steps: formation and maturation of early endosomes; the inward budding of the early endosome membrane results in formation of intraluminal vesicles and so forming multivesicular bodies; transport of multivesicular bodies to the plasma

membrane; fusion of multivesicular bodies with plasma membrane; and release of the vesicular content as exosomes<sup>26,32</sup> (Fig. 2).

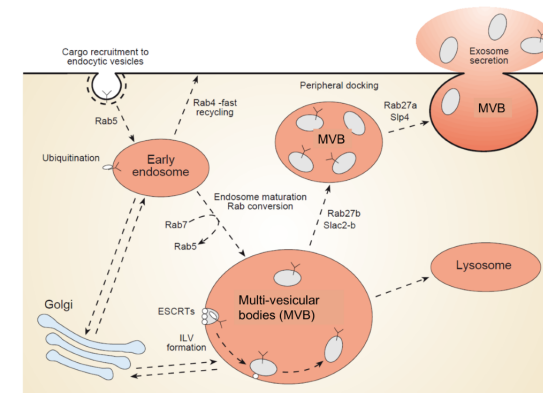


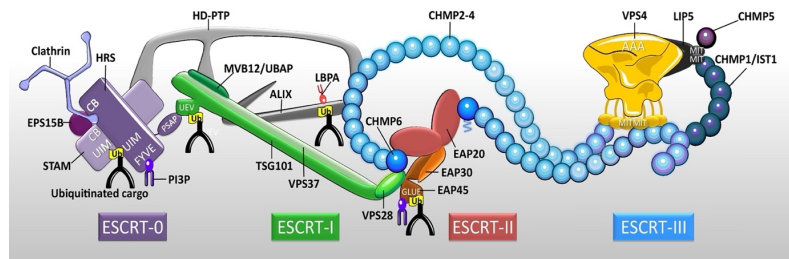
Figure 2. Formation and secretion of exosomes. Adapted from Henrix and Hume<sup>42</sup>.

The formation and maturation of early endosomes begin with the endocytic pathway. The endosomal network is a very dynamic system where each compartment represents a unique identity. Each compartment can be easily altered by communication between cargo that gets transferred between membrane-bound compartments. This is the place where the initial cargo sorting “decision” occurs, and the fates of future exosomes are decided. There are several mechanisms associated with membrane trafficking. The two most important mechanisms that not only actively participate in trafficking but also control the membrane identity and function are an alteration in phosphatidylinositol phospholipids and activation of Rab family GTPases. Phosphatidylinositol phospholipids are responsible for directional flow of membrane cargoes and have a close relationship with RabGTPases<sup>43</sup>. Although the process of exosome biogenesis is not fully understood, studies have shown that several molecules of the Rab family (Rab GTPases) are directly involved in the process by allowing the formation of early endosomes: Rab5 in transporting early endosomes, Rab4 and Rab11 in sorting and recycling endosomes, and Rab7 in lysosomes and targeted degradation of endosome cargo proteins.

The maturation process of early endosomes and their conversion to multivesicular bodies is also known as the Rab cascade<sup>44-46</sup>. Briefly, Rab5 recruits guanine-nucleotide exchange factors that then recruit Rab7, which follow recruitment of GTPase-activated proteins. During this process, the membrane’s identity changes from a Rab5 to a Rab7 domain, which allows formation of more complex domains such as intraluminal vesicles and later multivesicular

bodies. Rab5 and Rab7 continue to actively participate in the endosome maturation process allowing further membrane fusion and creating a platform for protein localization that can be recognized by a zinc finger phosphoinositide-binding domain named after the four proteins – Fab1p, YOTB, Vac1p, and EEA1<sup>47,48</sup>. Further, ubiquitination, which depends on the RabGTPases mentioned above<sup>49</sup>, also plays an important role. Ubiquitin is a small protein that triggers degradation when fusion of multivesicular bodies and the lysosome occurs sending a signal to release the content from plasma membrane via intraluminal. However, not all proteins that get sorted to intraluminal vesicles are destined for degradation. Some proteins, like tetraspanins, tend to accumulate on the plasma membrane creating tetraspanin-enriched microdomains that assist with selection of exosomal cargo (proteins and miRNA) and participate in binding and uptake exosomes by cells. Those intraluminal vesicles that are not targeted to the lysosome are progenitors for exosomes, and the tetraspanins they bear will be defined cargo of exosomes<sup>50</sup>. The process of initial clustering of ubiquitinated cargo is a beginning step in a process of exosomal formation in which endosomal sorting complex required for transport (ESCRT) machinery directly participates. This complex involved in this step is widely described in the literature as ESCRT-0. Some of the clustered cargo will be incorporated into intraluminal vesicles and will become an important part of future exosomes<sup>2,3</sup>.

The process of exchange of compartments within an endosomal network is known as endosomal maturation and this is the first step of the ESCRT machinery (Fig. 3).



**Figure 3. Model of ESCRT Machinery.** The diagram shows interactions between different subunits of machinery: ESCRT-0 components in purple, ESCRT-I in green, ESCRT-II in red, and ESCRT-III associated in blue. Relevant domains are identified. Ubiquitinated (Ub) cargo, phosphatidylinositol 3-phosphate (PI3P), lyso(bis)phosphatidic acid (LBPA), and clathrin associated with ESCRT-0 included as a model targeting factor. Lipids shown as yellow flags indicate PI3P binding sites. Deubiquitinating enzymes such as AMSH and UBPY, ubiquitin ligases, and the kinases Aurora B and ULK3 are known to interact with several ESCRT subunits. Abbreviations: CB, clathrin-box motif; FYVE, Fab1p/YOTB/Vac1p/EEA1 domain; GLUE, GRAM-like ubiquitin in EAP45 domain; MIT, microtubule interacting and transport domain; Ub, ubiquitin; UEV, ubiquitin-conjugated enzyme E2 variant; UIM, ubiquitin-interacting motif. Adapted from Christ et al.<sup>51</sup>

This process reflects that proteins including phosphatidylinositol kinases like PIKfyve get recruited at this stage, causing a shift from phosphatidylinositol-3-phosphate to phosphatidylinositol-3,5-bisphosphate. This conversion of the phosphatidylinositol is an important maturation step and is linked to recruitment of parts of the ESCRT machinery.

The inward budding of the early endosome membrane results in formation of intraluminal vesicles, thereby creating multivesicular bodies, and marks the next step of endosome maturation assisted by the ESCRT machinery<sup>26</sup>. The ESCRT-I and ESCRT-II complexes play a critical role in formation of future exosomes as they are responsible for clustering of ubiquitinated proteins into intraluminal vesicles, initiated by ESCRT-0 (the step described above)<sup>52</sup>. The role of ESCRT-I is to communicate with ESCRT-0 and ESCRT-II. The ESCRT-I complex consists of several proteins, Tsg 101, Vps28, Vps37, and hMvb12 (Fig. 3)<sup>52</sup>. Attention has been given to tumor susceptibility gene 101 (Tsg101)<sup>53</sup>. A recent study by Villarroja-Beltri et al<sup>54</sup> has shown that Tsg101 is directly involved in the lysosomal degradation process of multivesicular bodies proteins. A posttranslational ubiquitin-like modification that is known as ISGylation can regulate multivesicular bodies<sup>54</sup>. Once Tsg 101 is ISGylated, then secretion of exosomes is suppressed and fusion of multivesicular bodies with lysosome is promoted. ESCRT-II has a Y-shaped heterotetrametric structure and contains several Vps units that interact with arriving cargo and other proteins. The main role of the ESCRT-II complex is to initiate the assembly of ESCRT-III, which will drive vesicle budding to generate intraluminal vesicles. Mature multivesicular bodies can then either fuse with the plasma membrane and result in exosome secretion or fuse with lysosomes or autophagosomes, thereby degrading their cargo<sup>22,55</sup>. Protein degradation is instigated following fusion of multivesicular bodies with autophagic vacuoles by a calcium-dependent mechanism. The single multivesicular body then has a choice to go down two different pathways. If a vesicle chooses to go down by lysosome degradation pathway, it cannot go on to become an exosome<sup>22,55</sup>. In the cancer microenvironment, the balance between fusion with the plasma membrane and fusion with lysosomes is shifted, resulting in the increased release of exosomes compared to the healthy cellular environment<sup>56</sup>.

Intraluminal vesicles formation is a lipid-driven process that requires the presence of specific lipids such as lysobisphosphatidic acid and ceramides obtained from late endosomes and their membrane constituents. Those lipids create a lipid platform to which ESCRT-0 binds and sorts ubiquitinated membrane proteins. The intraluminal vesicles formation goes through two important steps: enrichment with tetraspanins and recruiting ESCRT complexes to the site where formation of intraluminal vesicles occurs. Previous studies suggested that ESCRT-I and

II begin the process of intraluminal membrane budding that ESCRT-II had activated. Briefly, the presence of specific lipids assists in recruiting ESCRT-I and II complexes. Later in the process, ESCRT-III is recruited by the ESCRT 0-II complexes through one of two proteins-programmed cell death 6 interacting protein (PCD6IP), which is also known as Alix, and Tsg101 that is associated with PCD6IP. Alix, being directly involved in budding and scission processes, in fact plays the role of a communication bridge, connecting ESCRT-I and ESCRT-III and keeping interactions with all ESCRT units through a highly charged assembly of multimers<sup>57</sup>. Deubiquitinating enzymes (Fig. 3) actively contribute to the recycling of ubiquitin before degradation occurs and controlling proteins stability. AMSH<sub>3</sub> (Associated Molecule with the SH<sub>3</sub> domain of signal transduction adaptor molecule) is one such DUB. Through the AMSH<sub>3</sub>-ESCRT-III interaction, cargo is deubiquitinated<sup>58</sup>. Once the ubiquitin tag gets removed from the cargo protein, the cargo is released into the intraluminal vesicles<sup>59</sup>.

Cleavage of the budded membrane by fission and the process of splitting ILVs are the last steps involving the ESCRT machinery<sup>5,33,60</sup>. From previous stages, after membrane invagination (ESCRT-II) and maturing into a vesicle (ESCRT-III assembly), the future exosome is still attached to the membrane by a neck region (Fig. 2). Sequestration of cargo and membrane scission promote narrowing down the neck of the vesicle. Sorting of cargo is finalized during this step. It becomes packed into a vesicle by recruiting deubiquitination machinery with assistance of the ESCRT-III assembly (Fig. 3)<sup>2</sup>. Through these processes, the ESCRT machinery operates by following a “sort-pack-transport” principle.

Secretion of exosomes occurs when vesicles with packaged cargo are released to the extracellular space. This is the last step in exosomal biogenesis. Once the formation of multivesicular bodies is completed, they can either fuse with lysosome followed by degradation of their cargo or fuse with the plasma membrane followed by secretion of exosomes. How the fate of multivesicular bodies is determined is not well-known. During the transport of multivesicular bodies to the plasma membrane, other molecules and interactions are actively involved, for example the interaction between the “molecular switches” (small GTPases) from the Rab family and other molecules. As has been previously mentioned, Rab family proteins regulate vesicular trafficking. Further, Rab27 is required for peripheral docking of multivesicular bodies to the plasma membrane. Specifically, Rab27a, along with its effectors synaptotagmin-like 4 (Slp4) and exophilin 5 (Slac2b)<sup>33,61</sup> appears to be involved in future exosome secretion with general tetraspanin EV markers (Alix, Tsg101, and CD63). After multivesicular bodies docking with the plasma membrane, the final release of exosomes is facilitated by the soluble *N*-ethylmaleimide-sensitive factor attachment protein receptors

(SNAREs). SNAREs are a small tail-anchored protein family that mediate the fusion of multivesicular bodies with the target membrane and so finally lead to vesicle release.

Alongside ESCRT dependent processes, the role of other pathways, such as ceramide biosynthesis pathways, should be mentioned. Complex lipids such as ceramide can be associated with the biogenesis of exosomes contributing to inward budding to form intraluminal vesicles<sup>62</sup>. Several studies have shown that an enzyme that produces ceramide from sphingomyelin acts as inhibitor that can reduce the number of exosomes released by cell<sup>63,64</sup>. However, this is not always the case as in some cells the exosomal release was not affected by the synthesis of ceramide<sup>65,66</sup>. In a review on exosomes biogenesis and release, it has been mentioned that there is a possibility that both the ESCRT-dependent mechanism and ceramide biosynthesis pathways can contribute to exosome biogenesis resulting in formation of different subpopulations of exosomes<sup>26</sup>.

The biogenesis pathways of other EVs are different from that of exosomes. For example, microvesicles are a subtype of EVs of a similar size to exosomes (100 nm). Due to their similar size, exosomes and microvesicles are described in the literature as a “mixed population”<sup>67</sup>. They were originally referred to as microparticles and were discovered in human plasma derived from platelets in 1967<sup>1</sup>. Microvesicles can be distinguished from exosomes as they bud directly from the plasma membrane followed by pinching off from the membrane. Some of the steps are in common with those of exosome formation<sup>22</sup>, as proteins associated with Golgi complex and endoplasmic reticulum can be trafficked to multiple subtypes of EVs<sup>33</sup>. Microvesicles and exosomes can be distinguished as they have particular proteins that correspond to different EVs subtypes<sup>39</sup>.

### 1.1.3 Exosomal cargo

As previously mentioned in 1.1.1, exosomes are loaded with different proteins, RNAs (non-coding, messenger RNA, and micro-RNA), DNA, lipids, and other cellular components. These exosomal components are conveniently cataloged in the ExoCarta database<sup>68</sup>. Exosomal cargo may vary and depends on the physiological and pathological conditions of the organism. Cargo is packed during exosome biogenesis as has been previously described in 1.1.2. It is known that the exosomal cargo includes molecules that convey important information about the cell of origin<sup>22,69</sup> (Fig. 1), including whether the cell of origin is diseased or not<sup>22,70</sup>. For example, viral infections, neurodegeneration (prions<sup>71</sup>,



Alzheimer's<sup>72</sup>, Huntington's<sup>71</sup>), and cancer all lead to different cargo profiles compared to the progenitor healthy cells and tissues<sup>73,74</sup>.

Protein profiles of exosomes have been extensively studied and reported from lymphoid tumors<sup>75</sup>, sarcoma<sup>76,77</sup>, ovarian cancer<sup>78</sup>, breast cancer<sup>79</sup> including various sources of biological fluids, such as umbilical cord<sup>80</sup>, placenta<sup>81</sup>, serum/plasma<sup>82,83</sup>, saliva<sup>84,85</sup>, cerebrospinal fluid<sup>86,87</sup>, and sweat<sup>88</sup>. According to a recent review paper overviewing the characterization of exosomes by Lin et al<sup>89</sup>, the past five years have shown a continuous growth in interest in the exosomes field, as supported by over a thousand published studies. Various research groups for the past few years have recognized the high potential of exosomes to provide novel non-invasive biomarkers for clinical diagnosis based on their unique biogenesis, great stability and diversity<sup>90-101</sup>. Most importantly, several studies recognized exosomes as minimally-invasive cancer biomarker<sup>92</sup> and specifically exosome proteins<sup>102</sup>. Thus, exosomes can offer prognostic information based on their cargo and can therefore be considered as biomarkers and nanocarriers<sup>103</sup>. However, their limitation in clinical settings is explained by the difficulty of isolation, purification and general analysis due to the lack of standardized methods<sup>36</sup>.

The protein cargo of an exosome arises from the processes of exosome biogenesis explained above in 1.1.2 and as suggested in recent studies<sup>22,57</sup>. The physical interaction between membrane proteins and proteins that have been considered as general exosome markers, such as the tetraspanins, has been widely studied in the exosome research community<sup>22,24,104,105</sup>.

Tetraspanins are a family of proteins with four transmembrane domains that can be found in all cell types<sup>106</sup>. Those transmembrane domains have a unique signature that allows them to be differentiated from other membrane proteins. This signature is a large accumulation of cysteines that are present in the large extracellular loop that connects domains 3 and 4 and extends 3-5 nm from the plasma membrane<sup>107</sup>. Tetraspanins actively interact with intracellular and other membrane proteins through a variety of specific molecular interactions<sup>108</sup> and participate in the major steps of vesicle formation and transportation<sup>105</sup>.

It has been confirmed that tetraspanins, specifically CD9, CD63, CD81, CD151, and Tspan8, are highly enriched in exosomes. These tetraspanins are therefore frequently used as general markers to define exosomes from other subtypes of EVs<sup>109</sup>. The pathway through which tetraspanins become recruited to exosomes has not yet been fully understood. However, it has been proposed that the recruitment of tetraspanins to exosomes is directly associated with the origin of exosomes. An initial attempt to explain the interaction of tetraspanins with exosomes was made through sorting motifs<sup>107,110</sup>, which was later replaced by interaction with

adaptor protein complexes, as some tetraspanins (CD9 and Tspan 8) do not rely on the sorting motif to integrate into exosomes.

In addition, it is believed that small transmembrane proteins such as tetraspanins can function as building blocks of larger protein assemblies and participate in trafficking of transmembrane proteins<sup>109</sup>. The impact of tetraspanins on the composition of exosomes is huge as they play a direct role on selective enrichment of specific protein-biomarkers that can be used for non-invasive diagnosis. Tetraspanins form a network with exosomal proteins and other proteins in the cellular microenvironment regulating signaling pathways.

Tetraspanins are actively engaged in many biological functions of the membrane. According to Bari et al<sup>111</sup>, one of the important functions of tetraspanins is to regulate morphogenesis of membrane protrusions by altering the membrane curvature, possibly associated with rearranging the actin cytoskeleton.

As has been mentioned previously, exosomes are not the only type of vesicles present in the extracellular space. It has been proposed that no subtype of EVs can be identified by a single protein marker<sup>34</sup>. A combination of protein markers and biophysical techniques is required for characterisation of any specific EV subtype.

The difference in proteomic profiling between exosomes, EVs, and other types of vesicles, such as apoptotic blebs therefore supports their route of formation as some vesicles (e.g., microvesicles) form outside of the membrane<sup>36,37,112</sup>. Their cargo will be differentiated by their biogenesis, functions and other criteria<sup>36,113</sup>. Besides proteins, exosome cargo also consist of lipids<sup>114-117</sup> and nucleic acids<sup>103,118,119</sup>.

The RNA cargo in exosomes was confirmed by two independent studies that demonstrated transport of functional miRNA and changes in cellular behavior due to exosomal uptake *in vitro* experiments<sup>120,121</sup>. In a similar experiment, but *in vivo*, EVs exchange between tumor cells was visualized in living mice by using the Cre-LoxP system<sup>122</sup>. Interestingly, subtypes of RNAs such as small non-coding RNAs including micro RNAs, can also be transported as a part of an EVs' cargo. Particularly in cancer development<sup>67,123</sup>, attention has fallen on the role of exosomal micro RNA<sup>124-126</sup>. It has been reported that tumor-derived exosomes can modify the tumor microenvironment (TME) by transferring non-coding RNAs and micro RNA (particularly micro RNA-21 and -29) to target cells<sup>127</sup>.

The transfer of micro RNA was initially demonstrated by Pegtel et al<sup>128</sup> who confirmed delivery of viral micro RNAs via exosomes from Epstein-Barr virus infected cells into neighboring healthy cells that, as result, showed repression of virus-targeted genes. This

illustrates the general case that exosomes from a donor cell can alter the intracellular environment of a recipient cell<sup>129,130</sup>.

Exosome-mediated micro RNA transfer was also examined for parasite-derived exosomes *in vivo*. In one study, the parasitic genome was used to determine whether any of the micro RNA sequences that they found in the serum of infected mice came from the parasite<sup>131</sup>. Briefly, to determine whether parasite-derived exosomes can transfer micro RNA to mammalian cells, mouse small intestinal epithelial cells were incubated with *Heligmosomoides polygyrus* exosomes, and as a result changes in gene expression were noted. Specifically, two genes *Dusp1* and *Il33r* were strongly downregulated. Interestingly, exosomes derived from mouse cells did not alter those genes but showed the same uptake level as parasite-derived exosomes. That confirmed that exosomes and associated micro RNA can regulate genes that are responsible for immunity by suppression of pathogenic responses and acting as immunomodulators.

Although the transfer of exosomes during cell-cell interactions has been described, it is still difficult to define the mechanisms regulating transfer of a specific micro RNA to a recipient cell, including whether the transfer occurred specifically via an exosome<sup>132</sup>. As described in 1.1.2, packaging of RNA into EVs occurs during their biogenesis. Several studies have reported that the molecular profile of micro RNAs in EVs does not necessarily repeat the profile of the parental cell<sup>133,134</sup>. However, each micro RNA profile still represents the nature of the cell from which it was derived, leading to a distinct set of micro RNA from different cell sources<sup>135</sup>. In addition, tetraspanins, which have been mentioned previously, were addressed as “scaffolds of membrane microdomains” that directly participate in loading future exosomes with messenger RNA and micro RNA<sup>104</sup>.

Genomic DNA is also loaded into exosomes<sup>136,137</sup>, but this is less studied than RNA. There are not that many descriptions of how DNA gets incorporated in EVs. Interestingly, genomic DNA has been detected more commonly in cancer cell-derived exosomes than those from healthy cells<sup>138</sup>. This raises the possibility that the DNA found in exosomes may provide opportunities for highly sensitive cancer detection, and reveal information about tumor-specific mutations that could be valuable in therapy<sup>139</sup>. Although both single and double stranded DNA are found within exosomes<sup>140</sup>, several studies propose that the majority of DNA that is associated with tumor-derived exosomes is double-stranded<sup>137,141,142</sup>.

There is a long-established interest in the lipid profiles of exosomes<sup>143</sup>. Lipids, as well as proteins, play specific roles in formation and functions of exosome biogenesis<sup>144</sup>. In general, exosomes are enriched in sphingomyelin, phosphatidylserine, cholesterol, and

lysophosphatidylcholine accounting for about 10% of all phospholipids and glycosphingolipids<sup>145,146</sup>. Lipids in exosomes are related to the lipids in their parental cells; however, their sorting ratio does not show equality. In one example, exosomes from two different cell types (mast and dendritic cells) were observed and compared. The ratio of lipids such as phosphatidylcholine, phosphatidylethanolamine, phosphatidylserine, phosphatidylinositol, and sphingomyelin were compared. According to the results, the composition of lipids in the exosomes from dendritic cells was 26:26:19:20 respectively while the combination in dendritic cells itself was 43:23:12:9. The same study showed that cholesterol at similar levels in the exosomes as in their parent dendritic cells. Vesicles isolated from the placenta showed elevated levels of cholesterol and sphingomyelin, while the level of phosphatidylglycerol was half that in vesicles derived from dendritic cells<sup>147,148</sup>.

## 1.2 THE VALUE OF EXOSOMES

### 1.2.1 The importance of exosomes

What makes exosomes so important in the human body is their ability to facilitate intercommunication among cells causing specific cellular responses<sup>31</sup> such as transferring, signaling, and activating receptors of cells<sup>22,149</sup>. The binding of exosomes to their target cells is probably determined by specific interactions of proteins enriched in the membrane of EVs, including tumor-derived exosomes, and proteins on the target cell<sup>150</sup>. In addition, they can help to adapt to microenvironmental stresses<sup>151,152</sup> or alter the cell itself causing pathological changes<sup>153,154</sup>. According to Masaoutis et al<sup>125</sup> the growing interest in exosomes is explained by their ability to modulate gene expression post-transcriptionally<sup>155</sup>. For example, released EVs interfere with the immune system<sup>155</sup>, forcing various immune cells, such as macrophages, natural killer (NK) cells, along with B and T cells, to suppress or promote tumor progression. Lung tumor-derived exosomes containing micro RNA-21 and -29 can activate TLR 8 in immune cells, which can lead to tumor growth followed by metastasis<sup>156–158</sup> and can activate TLR 8 in immune cells<sup>106</sup>. Several studies have shown that exosomes are responsible for delivering immunogenic molecules causing the initiation, growth and progression of cancer<sup>17,104,105</sup>, malignancy and drug resistance of tumors<sup>133,159–161</sup>. As described above, EVs contribute to various pathological conditions.

Another area of interest in exosome-related research is the search for biomarkers that can be interrogated by diagnostics that are less invasive and more rapid than current processes<sup>123</sup>. Thus, from the early description of being cellular waste as described in 1.1.1, exosomes have



become recognized as important in the chain of cellular intercommunication<sup>4,33,162</sup> including pathogenic processes<sup>153,154</sup>.

### 1.2.2 Review of current leading biomarkers for cancer found in exosomes

Exosomes carry multiple cargos, which report information of the health status of the cells from which they were released, which is communicated to neighbouring cells<sup>22,163–165</sup>. Moreover, cancer cells tend to release larger quantities of EVs compared to healthy cells<sup>166–168</sup>, which can promote communication between tumor, tumor microenvironment, and metastatic sites<sup>165</sup>. Cells constantly communicate with each other by releasing vesicles in the environment in which they grow. The crosstalk between healthy and tumor cells happens through the same vesicle release mechanism. According to Alipoor et al<sup>3</sup>, these multi-signal messengers (i.e., EVs) have an ability to educate the tumor's microenvironment and so favor optimal conditions for the tumor, making effective therapeutic strategies difficult. Therefore, unique proteins that arise from the tumor microenvironment offer a potential avenue for diagnosis.

The clinical significance of exosome cargo as potential biomarkers in cancer has been discussed in 1233 manuscripts up to September 2018<sup>169</sup>. The importance of detection of tumors at an early stage has been recognized in many studies. Early detection is associated with a greatly improved prognosis. This underlines the value of exploring new biomarkers that can be detected at the earliest stages of cancer onset. Exosomes have great potential to contribute to our understanding of tumors development based on their molecular cargo. The variety of potential cancer protein biomarkers determined through proteomic approaches found on exosomes isolated from different biological fluids is shown in the Table 1.

*Table 1. Potential cancer biomarkers found in exosomes secreted in different body fluids<sup>170</sup>.*

Cancer type	Potential Cancer Biomarkers	Source
<b>Bladder Cancer</b>	TACSTD2, EDIL-3, Mucin4, EPS8L2, $\alpha$ 6-integrin, MUC-1, Basigin	Urine
<b>Breast cancer</b>	Survivin, Survivin-2B, CEA, Tumor antigen15-3	Blood
<b>Colorectal cancer</b>	CEA	Blood
<b>Lung cancer</b>	EpCAM, EGFR, CEA, LRG-1	Blood
<b>Lung cancer</b>	NY-ESO-1	Serum
<b>Lung cancer</b>	LRG1	Urine
<b>Lung cancer</b>	CD171, EGFR	Plasma
<b>Melanoma</b>	CD63, Caveolin1, TYRP2, VLA-4, HSP70	Blood
<b>Nasopharyngeal cancer</b>	LMP1, Galectin-9, BARF-1	Blood, Saliva
<b>Ovarian cancer</b>	Claudin-4, L1CAM, CD24, ADAM10, EMMPRIN, TGF $\beta$ 1, MAGE3/6	Blood
<b>Pancreatic cancer</b>	GPC1, MIF	Blood
<b>Prostate cancer</b>	Transmembrane, protease, Serine2-ETS, $\beta$ -catenin, PCA3, PSA, PSMA, ITGA3, ITGB1, survivin, PTEN	Urine
<b>Renal cell carcinoma</b>	MMP-9, EMMPRIN, Carbonic anhydrase	Urine
<b>Spongioblastoma</b>	EGFR-VIII, EGFR, PDPN, IDH1	Blood
<b>Stomach cancer</b>	HER-2/neu, CCR6	Blood

Meanwhile, several protein biomarkers that are present in lung cancer compared with normal lung tissue have been identified. For example, NY-ESO-1 protein has been found in serum exosomes<sup>171,172</sup>, LRG1 protein in urinary exosomes<sup>173</sup>, and CD171<sup>174</sup> and EGFR<sup>175</sup> in plasma exosomes. There is no doubt that the protein profile of exosomes provides potential biomarkers with high sensitivity and selectivity for cancer. However, the small number of proteins isolated, often found in very low abundance, creates a substantial challenge for biomarker identification<sup>176</sup>. Not all exosome proteins are membrane-associated proteins. However, some of them are directly associated with NSCLC growth and cancer invasion, including upregulation of EGFR protein<sup>177–179</sup>. For example, the prognostic value of EGFR protein expression alone, which plays a critical role in the cell signaling pathways, is not as high. Although the role of EGFR protein and other tumor associated proteins (claudins, KRAS, and other RAB-family proteins)<sup>172</sup> in cell cancer is well studied, there is not much evidence of EGFR protein transferred by exosomes<sup>172</sup>. Despite uncertainties of exosomes' EGFR protein, Huang et al<sup>180</sup> concluded that EGFR protein is present in “80 % of exosomes purified from lung cancer biopsies” while Zhang et al<sup>181</sup> showed co-dependence between exosome-regulated EGFR protein and metastasis in liver cancer. Proteomic analysis of exosomes will define the protein cargo associated with exosomes and allow evaluation of potential biomarkers of the

lung cancer tissue origin. On the other hand, it is a useful marker when combined with other specific proteins<sup>182,183</sup>.

In addition to exosome protein biomarkers, nucleic acid biomarkers offer an avenue for earlier disease detection. Indeed, nucleic acids can be used in—ultrasensitive molecular diagnostics, but this is not without its limitations. As with protein biomarkers, the same micro RNA can be present in different types of tumors which results in poor outcome in diagnosis of a particular type of cancer. For example, an extensive investigation reported the presence of micro RNA-21 in several types of cancer (breast, liver, endometrial, esophageal) including lung cancer<sup>184</sup>. In particular, micro RNA exosomal biomarkers directly related to lung cancer have been highlighted in several studies<sup>170,185,186</sup> detecting 12 specific overexpressed miRNA<sup>90</sup>. Exosome-associated RNA has been proposed to have value as a diagnostic biomarker, including micro RNA-193a for CLC<sup>187</sup> and micro RNA-222-3p as for NSCLC<sup>188</sup>.

The information that exosome can provide may have a tremendous impact in future biomedical applications and particularly diagnostic techniques for cancer. To avoid the risk of developing diagnostics for non-selective biomarkers, a database with a set of defined biomarkers characterizing exosome content must be developed.

### *1.2.3 Existing exosome-based diagnostics*

The increases in understanding of the origins, roles, and composition of exosomes described above have laid the framework for their use in diagnostics. Although exosomes and their molecular cargo have not been fully characterized, there are several approaches that exploit the use of exosomes in early cancer detection. Application of exosomes in early tumor diagnosis has been mentioned in several clinical trials for tumors. For example, micro RNA profile of exosome has been used as a complimentary tool in the diagnosis of breast cancer<sup>189</sup>, cholangiocarcinoma and gallbladder cancer<sup>190</sup>, and prostate cancer<sup>191</sup>. In lung cancer a diagnostic approach that combines exosomal RNA/DNA and cfDNA provides a sensitivity of 89%<sup>192</sup>. This is especially important as detection of the early stages of tumors has been an ongoing challenge in oncology in various types of cancer, whilst treatments applied at these early stages of tumor development prove the highest chances of therapeutic success. The applications of exosomes to cancer diagnosis have been previously mentioned in 1.2.1 -1.2.2. These advantages can be extended by the concept of liquid biopsies. Application of exosomes as liquid biopsy in clinical diagnosis of cancer<sup>192</sup> holds a promise to detect potential targets

with minimum invasive treatment. Liquid biopsy points to the sampling and analysis of the biological fluids that contain nucleic acids, circulating tumor cells and exosomes. That makes them excellent candidates for development of new diagnostic tests. There are several studies that report the potential of exosomes in early tumor diagnosis. These include use of a KRAS mutation in circulating exosome DNA (exoDNA) for diagnosis of colorectal cancer (CRC) and pancreatic ductal carcinoma and EGFR T790M protein with a combination of exoRNA/DNA and cfDNA in NSCLC<sup>193</sup>. Another interesting study was conducted to investigate the clinical value of plasma exosomes in NSCLC. This study analyzed patients samples from early and advanced stages of NSCLC including healthy population cohort investigating the correlation between Tim-3 and Galectin-9 exosome indicators<sup>194</sup>.

Deep learning-based surface enhanced Raman spectroscopy (SERS) has been proposed as a tool for cancer diagnostics. This technique analyses specific signals produced by cancer-derived exosomes<sup>194</sup>. Although results of this study resulted in 95% accuracy of diagnosis for cancer patients at stage I and II, this technique is still considered relatively new<sup>195,196</sup> and needs further investigation considering the heterogeneity of exosomes<sup>197</sup>.

## **1.3 LUNG CANCER**

### *1.3.1 Lung cancer*

Cancer is ranked in the top four causes of death in 135 countries, with an estimated 19.3 million new cases worldwide in 2020 and approximately 10 million cancer-associated deaths<sup>198</sup>. According to the World Health organization, cancer is the second most common leading cause of death before the age of 70 years worldwide. Globally, about 1 in 6 deaths is due to cancer. Although lung cancer is only the second most common cancer in both men and women, it is the leading cause of cancer death with an estimated 1.8 million deaths due to lung cancer in 2020<sup>199</sup>. There are two major types of lung cancer: non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and small cell lung cancer (SCLC). NSCLC is more common and a leading cause of cancer-related mortality in worldwide with an overall 5-year survival rate of 19.3%. The 5-year survival rate for SCLC is 10%<sup>200</sup>. NSCLC has four stages, along with two substages for stages I-III. Statistics show that the frequency of diagnosis of early stages, when curative treatment is possible, is very low compared to the more advanced stages (Table 2). This is because early stages are asymptomatic and current diagnostic methods, such as biopsy and radiography, are unable to detect the smallest tumors. Therefore, the main way lung cancer is diagnosed is when it causes symptoms such as a cough or pain. By that time lung cancer has

already progressed to advanced stages. Once advanced stage has been reached, the rate of survival drastically drops. It is important to differentiate between cancer staging. While clinical staging is generally based on the results received after tests, for example, radiography or biopsy, pathological staging is based on the results after surgical procedure and therefore provides a better assessment on tumor development<sup>201</sup>.

**Table 2. 5-year survival rate for non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and small cell lung cancer (SCLC) by pathological stage.**

Stage	IA	IB	IIA	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IV
NSCLC <sup>200</sup>	50%	43%	36%	25%	19%	7%	2%
SCLC <sup>202,203</sup>	38%	21%	38%	18%	13%	9%	1%

Another study reported that the 5-year survival rate varies between clinical and pathological stages, in which case the percentage for stage IV NSCLC survivors, for example, can be from 2% by clinical stage to 13% by pathological stage<sup>202</sup>. NSCLC includes several subtypes of primary cancer, of which adenocarcinoma is the most common invasive lesion (50%). Squamous and large cell carcinoma account for 25% and 10 % respectively of all lung cancers and NSCLC tumors<sup>204</sup>. SCLC account for the remaining 15% of lung cancer cases and is considered an aggressive cancer associated with smoking<sup>205</sup>. This type of cancer tends to grow very quickly and is characterized by an early metastatic spread. SCLC is a potentially curable type of cancer with a survival rate up to 25% and consists of two stages: limited and extensive<sup>206,207</sup>.

### 1.3.2 Lung cancer and current diagnostics

As indicated above, lung cancer develops through 4 different stages. At stage I the cancer is located only in one small area. Stage II means that cancer has grown but has not spread yet. If lung cancer is diagnosed at stage I or II, patients have more chances for survival as it has not spread to nearby tissues and organs. Stage III is when cancer largely develops and progresses to nearby tissues and lymph nodes. At stage IV, the cancer has spread to other organs of the body. Stage III is still an operable one; however, chances for survival decrease to almost half of the previous stage (Table 2). Early detection in lung cancer is especially challenging<sup>208,209</sup>, and consequently lung cancer and resultant metastatic disease are frequently fatal<sup>210</sup>.

Diagnostic imaging is widely used for staging, following up, and assessing lung cancer treatment. Chest radiography, computed tomography (CT) scans, magnetic resonance imaging

(MRI), and positron emission tomography (PET) scans are the most common<sup>211</sup>. Around 80% of patients who present with cough, breathlessness, and chest pain receive chest radiography as their first routine procedure<sup>211,212</sup>. CT and MRI scans can image the thoracic cavity more effectively than chest radiography, identifying specific features and therefore can be effectively employed in detection. Combining PET and CT scans can improve diagnostic imaging by reducing false-positive interpretation from an individual imaging technique<sup>213</sup>.

Additional tests for lung cancer include examination of the lungs lining by direct invasive techniques, such as bronchoscopy, resection biopsy, and transthoracic needle aspiration<sup>214,215</sup> can provide an accurate diagnosis of the tumor. Other types of tissue diagnosis are sputum cytology and pleural fluid cytology (thoracentesis). Both are non-invasive methods and are often used in clinical staging but require a follow-up test if results have been negative in response to cancer markers.

An overview of current diagnostics methods reviewing their potential advantages and disadvantages are presented in the Table 3.

**Table 3. Advantages and disadvantages of current diagnostics methods. Most common diagnostic methods for lung cancer are marked by asterisk \***

Test	What does it show	Advantages	Disadvantages
Chest X-ray*	Images of the lungs and surrounding tissues	Commonly available; 75.4% sensitivity at 1 year (study was based on individuals >50 years old <sup>216</sup> ; unexpensive <sup>209</sup>	The nodule size detection is limited to 1 to 2 cm; low visibility due to other spiculated masses from previous complications; false-positive rate 9-15% <sup>217</sup> ; requires follow-up imaging <sup>218</sup>
low-dose spiral CT (LDCT)*	3-D views of the lungs	Resolution capabilities under less than 1 cm; better contrast resolution (compared to chest X-ray); evaluation of the entire <sup>219</sup>	High false-positive rates 20-50%; limited detection of cancer on early stages over detection of already existing tumor in later stages III-IV <sup>218</sup>
Lab tests (ctDNA, NGS)	Mutations that occur in a cancer cells' genome	87% sensitivity and 81% specificity on the stages II-III; non-invasive <sup>220,221</sup>	Low sensitivity in stage I (15%); limited by cost <sup>222,223</sup>
PET/CT*	Detailed soft tissues presented in cross-sectional images	Greater resolution of nodules and tumor pathology (compared to chest X-ray and CT); more accurate than CT in the detection or exclusion of mediastinal nodal metastases <sup>218</sup>	High false-positive rate (up to 50%); at least 20% are over diagnosed; inability to locate the tumor due to the blurry images <sup>221</sup> ; cost-effective
EBUS	Cell abnormalities	Direct visualization of nodes; high sensitivity (85%); real-time sampling (less risk of major vessel puncture); guided sampling <sup>215,224</sup>	Less core tissue for sampling; low negative predictive value; cannot, image or sample subaortic and paraesophageal lymph nodes; repeated invasive sampling in early stages of cancer <sup>225</sup>
Biopsy	Cell abnormalities	Rapid, minimally invasive, and economical test, liquid biopsy presents oncologists with real-time information about a tumor <sup>214</sup>	Lack of standardization around procedures; difficulty in comparing different technology platforms; lower sensitivity (stage I) <sup>214</sup>

Bronchoscopy	Cell abnormalities	Abilities in investigate area out of reach (smaller bronchi; Higher sensitivity of 85–87% when lesions were >20 mm and an overall sensitivity of 69.7%; accuracy 89% <sup>205,215</sup>	Bleeding (0.12%), hypoxia, loss of airway, pneumothorax (0.1–0.16%), or mortality (0–0.02%) <sup>226</sup> ; sensitivity depends on the size and position; repeated invasive sampling in early stages of cancer of the tumor (34–88%) <sup>205</sup>
MRI*	Detailed images of soft tissues in the body	Better soft tissue contrast, multiplanar imaging capability (over CT) <sup>227,228</sup> ; can quickly recognize nodule between 1-2 cm with 82% specificity <sup>229,230</sup>	Slower and more expensive with poorer spatial resolution (compared to CT) <sup>218</sup> ; inability to recognize nodules less than 0.4 cm <sup>229,230</sup>
Sputum cytology	Cell abnormalities	Combining with quantitative image cytometry can lead to a specificity of 90% and sensitivity of 80% <sup>231</sup>	Squamous cell lung cancer only

### 1.3.3 Failure of current diagnostics in detection of lung cancer

Improved detection leads to better knowledge of lung cancer progression. Despite current cancer treatment therapies (e.g. chemotherapy, radiotherapy, surgery)<sup>125,126,209</sup> and good diagnostic tools (e.g. sputum cytology, chest radiography (and later on low-dose spiral computer tomography (CT), and tissue sample (biopsy))<sup>209</sup> lung cancer still remains the leading cause of cancer-related deaths around the world<sup>3,205,232</sup>. The reason for this is inability to detect lung cancer early enough so that the correct treatment can be chosen. Most available diagnostics described above lack sensitivity and have other limitations.

Diagnostic imaging has been described in many comparative studies concluding that the tumor evaluation and treatment depends on a type of lung cancer. For example, CT and MRI have poorer outcomes in identifying tumors, while PET scans are able to confirm NSCLC in 83% of the cases<sup>218</sup>. Although PET scans have proven their clinical values in some cases, the application of PET itself in identifying primary malignancies remains controversial due to false-positive findings and resolution<sup>233,234</sup>. PET scans as a molecular imaging technique that observe malignant cells and measure the cellular glucose uptake. The glycolytic rate is visualized by using <sup>18</sup>F-fluorodeoxyglucose. One of the important limitations of PET scans is difficulty and sometimes their inability to precisely localize the tumor due to the blurry images of anatomical structures or indirect inflammation<sup>235</sup>. Besides that, PET is a very expensive diagnostic method, which is a major drawback that needs further improvement<sup>236</sup>.

A comparative study has been conducted on almost 12,000 healthy individuals to find out the performance of MRI in the detection of lung cancer and its ability to define asymptomatic patients<sup>237</sup>. Results of the study showed that 4.8% had suspicious nodules, and ultimately only 0.4% of the cohort had lung cancer confirmed. MRI was evaluated in another

study that discussed relevance of the size for malignant tumors. All nodules less than 4 mm and smaller showed inconclusive results, while nodules between 10 and 20 mm were recognizable as the malignancy of masses showing 28% to 82% respectively<sup>229,230</sup>. MRI imaging can be compromised by respiratory movements by forming masses that can be mistakenly assumed as tumor masses<sup>238</sup>. Nonetheless, MRI has advantages over CT scans delivering results in multiplanar format and having the ability to very quickly determine existing tumors<sup>227,228</sup>.

Another approach is the Saccomanno technique, which involves collection of sputum samples. It has been widely used and showed positive results<sup>231</sup>. However, when this method was compared to fresh smears from lung cancer patients, the Saccomanno method was not able to identify small cell carcinoma while the second method (fresh smears) did<sup>239</sup>. Sputum cytology is still a useful diagnostic test and in some countries is used more often than biopsy<sup>240–242</sup>.

Surgical lung cancer diagnosis is undertaken in early stages of cancer to reduce morbidity. The most common procedure is a standard resection that is often combined with chemo/radiotherapy<sup>243</sup>. However, several studies have reported that tumor masses often confirmed as benign tumors and do not always associate with lung cancer<sup>244</sup>. That raises the question about unnecessary surgical procedures that could potentially result in medical complications to a patient needing months of long recovery. The paradox of preoperative and no preoperative tissue diagnosis was explained in Sihoe's et al. study<sup>244</sup>. In this study, the surgery was performed in 443 patients with an early confirmed or suspected lung cancer mass. Another 206 (46.5%) patients did not have preoperatively confirmed diagnosis. Among patients without preoperative diagnosis only 8 % were found to have a benign tumor. In addition, 52.9% of the cases suspected to be tumors on the basis of preoperative diagnosis were not confirmed as lung cancer. The study concluded that proceeding with surgery without preoperative diagnosis is safe, but only in the case of patients who have a suspicious lung mass already identified. Therefore, new methods for earlier lung cancer detection are essential<sup>205,245,246</sup>.

### 1.3.4 New diagnostic methods under development

One recently developed method of diagnosis looks at the distinctive appearance of gene expression from bronchial epithelial cells that shows differences between the gene expression profile in healthy and cancer cells. The study proposed a gene expression classifier consisting

of a combination of 17 cancer genes (from an initially identified group of 232 genes). The gene classifier panel was then used alongside the bronchoscopy procedure to increase sensitivity<sup>247</sup>. Another novel concept that increases sensitivity of lung cancer detection is radiomics. Radiomics combines data from several diagnostics (CT, PET, MRI) allowing verification of diagnosis and choosing treatments more effectively<sup>248</sup>. The idea behind this method is to detect the tumor and define the correct tumor phenotype, which further can improve clinical decision making<sup>249</sup>.

Detection of an abnormal tumor antigen can be another way of diagnosing a tumor, even in early stages. This method is based on producing a signal by autoantibodies in response of detection tumor masses. This method seems to be applicable on all stages of lung cancer based on identified panel of autoantibodies. The initial clinical study to test the sensitivity and specificity of this method was conducted in 2011 showing high sensitivity up to 93%<sup>250</sup>. However, the sensitivity was later reported being around 37-40% which is very low and needs to be improved for the overall test accuracy<sup>251</sup>.

Characterization of the complement cascade and specifically analyzing the level of plasma circulating complement component (C4d) could be an alternative way of detecting lung cancer<sup>252</sup>. However, in patients who appear to have emphysema and COPD this test didn't show significant elevation and therefore cannot be used in people who are at risk of lung cancer. Results of this test also showed great specificity (89%), but just as a previous test with AAbs it resulted in low sensitivity in a very close values of 44%<sup>253</sup>.

Evidence suggested that tumor suppressor genes can be detected through abnormally methylated DNA circulating in the serum of lung cancer patients in all tumor stages<sup>254</sup>. Several studies have specifically tested this method on patients in stages I and II. Results from investigations into differences in DNA methylation of a range of markers between lung cancer patients and non-cancer controls were somewhat similar and were compared by reported percentage of the sensitivity and specificity in plasma and sputum. The final numbers for sensitivity and specificity in plasma were 62% to 76% and 74% to 84% respectively, and 63% to 86% and 72% to 92% in sputum, respectively<sup>255-257</sup>.

Real-time endobronchial ultrasounds (EBUS) has been developed to guide the established technique of transbronchial needle aspiration (TBNA) that offers a higher sensitivity using a larger scanning range<sup>215</sup>. The accuracy and performance of EBUS-TBNA has been studied by several research groups. A study proposed by Navani et al<sup>224</sup> recruited patients that had already undergone initial diagnosis by CT scans and were suspected to have lung cancer (stages I to IIIA). Following the primary goal of defining the time-to-treatment

decision, this randomized trial concluded that detection of tumor was faster by EBUS-TBNA (14 days) compared to CT scans and staging diagnosis (29 days). For this reason, they propose that EBUS-TBNA should be considered as the initial method of lung cancer investigation. A year later, another study concluded that EBUS-TBNA reduces the time for diagnosis if it chosen as the initial test<sup>258</sup>. Analyzes of cytological samples collected by EBUS-TBNA also showed reassuring results, declaring the sensitivity and specificity reached 94.52% and 95.12%, respectively<sup>259</sup>. Minor concerns to sensitivity mentioned in this study were associated with a lymph node size threshold<sup>260</sup>. In addition, EBUS-TBNA is less invasive than surgery and recommended for patients who need an initial staging<sup>261</sup>.

Circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) and next-generation sequencing (NGS) of ctDNA have been recognized as sensitive and non-invasive tools for detection of early stages of cancer<sup>262-264</sup>. The role of ctDNA as a biomarker of advanced stages of lung cancer has been already proven<sup>220</sup>. However, the evidence of its application in early stages needs more proof due to a low sensitivity that is 15% at stage I compared to 100% at stages II-III<sup>222,223</sup>. A newly proposed way of defining biomarkers, NGS, is based on genomic alteration in the tumor. Interestingly, a study that included over 400 patients, where half of them were patients were without known cancer, has been reported with the same output as in the previous mentioned ctDNA studies. Further, the data indicated that the proportion of cancer patients with ctDNA was rather large with different cancer types than in patients without known cancer<sup>265</sup>. Although the presence of ctDNA in early stages of cancer has been reported<sup>265,266</sup>, tumor detection has to be achieved against a background of non-tumor derived ctDNA. The low level of ctDNA results in a lot of unnecessary data for analysis, such as signal to noise ratio, and becomes computationally challenging making it incredibly difficult to apply this method for routine screening and especially for early stages<sup>221,267</sup>. As a result, this method seems to be more appropriate for more advanced stages. Cohen et al<sup>265</sup> proposed combining this method with protein biomarkers (protein) for a stronger sensitivity in detection.

Raman spectroscopy combined with principal component analysis (PCA) has been further investigated<sup>268</sup> after it attracted interest in medical diagnoses of nasopharyngeal cancer<sup>269</sup>, head and neck<sup>270</sup>, and lung cancer<sup>271</sup>. Several studies that have applied Raman spectroscopic analysis for *in vivo* early lung cancer detection reported that sensitivity and specificity in detection of precancerous lesions were acceptable and could differentiate between malignant, benign, and normal lung tissue<sup>272</sup>.

Apart from nucleic acid sequencing and Raman spectroscopy, mass-based proteomic analysis, tandem-mass-tag (TMT)<sup>176</sup> and triple stable isotope labeling by/with amino acids in

cell culture (SILAC) quantitative proteomics approach are becoming more applicable in diagnostics<sup>273</sup>. Those will be described in Chapter 3 (subchapter 3.1.2)

In summary, there are no current or developing methods that could reliably give an early diagnosis. Existing diagnostics are invasive and noneffective. On the other hand, the concept of studying breath exosomes can open a new non-invasive and more effective avenue for diagnosis. Breath exosomes collected from exhaled breath condensate (EBC) could be a better option for biomarkers as they are largely free of contaminants that whole EBC struggles with. Despite the promise of new techniques, challenges in diagnosis of early-stage tumors remain high. Therefore, new methods of non-invasive diagnostics for early stages are highly desirable.

## 1.4 BREATH-DERIVED EXOSOMES

### 1.4.1 How breath-derived exosomes are characterized

In general, exosomes have been divided into two groups: cell-derived exosomes and exosomes “derived from body fluids (plasma, urine, spinal fluid, saliva, and etc)”<sup>126</sup>. However, another important source of exosomes – breath – has been largely ignored. Although the potential of exosomes obtained from EBC has been considered<sup>114,274–276</sup>, their application has not been extensively explored. Whilst there are several studies that have reported biomarkers in EBC, in general these have used either crude EBC<sup>172–174</sup> or exosome-enriched fractions<sup>114,274,275</sup>. In the study by Youssef et al<sup>275</sup>, exosome-enriched fractions from airways obtained from bronchoalveolar lavage fluid collected from 43 asthmatic patients and 42 healthy individuals were analyzed. The study confirmed no significant differences between groups in the proportion of extracellular vesicles that contained the general tetraspanin marker CD63. However, the expression levels of other markers (i.e., CD54 and HLA-DR) were significantly higher in the diseased group. In addition, the analysis of lipid signatures of asthmatic patients showed significant differences ( $p < 0.05$ ) in the level of phosphoglycerolipids and sphingolipids compared to healthy group<sup>114</sup> supporting the sphingomyelinase inhibitors that can reduce the number of exosomes release by cell. In the Sinha et al<sup>275</sup> study 20 EBC samples collected from 10 asthmatic and 10 healthy individuals were compared with the goal of finding disease signature in micro RNA. As a result, 11 micro RNA markers were noticed as differently expressed in the diseased group compared to healthy individuals. Amongst these 11, 3 (hsa-miR-574-5p, hsa-miR-516a-5p, and hsa-miR-421)<sup>277</sup> had been previously reported in association with asthma. Interestingly, they showed that the majority of the identified exosomal micro RNA is similar to that identified in EBC suggesting

that exosomes obtained from EBC contain microRNAs that can act as biomarkers. However it was not a focus of their work to characterize or confirm the purity of the exosomes that they obtained through immunoaffinity isolation.

It is expected that exosomes isolated from EBC will be particularly rich in those originating from lung tissue and, through biomarker analysis, reveal the status of lung health. For example, these breath-derived exosomes may carry distinctive molecular biomarkers of lung cancer, a disease where early detection is particularly challenging but urgently required to enhance overall survival for lung cancer patients<sup>205,245,246,278–280</sup>.

### 1.4.2 Biomarkers in exhaled breath condensate

Exhaled breath condensate (EBC) is a promising source of biomarkers for monitoring the lung and respiratory system. Collection of EBC is non-invasive and requires tidal breathing into a cooled condenser or a collection vessel. In comparison, collection of bronchoalveolar lavage for biomarker analysis is substantially more invasive and the level of biomarkers found in EBC can be much higher than in bronchoalveolar lavage<sup>281</sup>. There has been significant growth in EBC research in recent years to identify biomarkers for diseases including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)<sup>282–285</sup> and asthma<sup>286–288</sup>.

Investigations related to genomic DNA mutations in EBC (specifically in the p53, EGFR, p16, and KRAS genes) were reported by several groups<sup>289–291</sup>. Since then more investigations have been done and detection of small amounts of DNA in EBC samples has been reported<sup>292–294</sup>. Cancer-associated mutations in DNA were extensively researched by Youssef's group using next-generation sequencing<sup>295</sup>. In their first study, the researchers studied mutations of 22 cancer genes in a healthy population. This study suggests that EBC could be adopted for lung cancer detection in its early stage<sup>295</sup>. In their second study, following the same methodology, EBC collected from patients diagnosed with various types of lung cancer and group of healthy population was compared. As anticipated, some differences in the level of DNA mutations between groups were noticeable. In order to analyze whether there are differences in cancer-associated mutations in DNA before and after treatment (chemotherapy), EBC of 8 lung cancer diagnosed patients was collected before and after treatment. Unfortunately, after conducting statistical analysis the difference was not statistically significant ( $p=0.83$ ), although the number of mutations in the treated group was lower compared to the non-treated patients<sup>296</sup>.

EBC as a source of biomarkers has been extensively researched for its clinical usefulness especially for early stage lung cancer detection<sup>297–304</sup>. Examples of previously identified breath-based biomarkers for lung cancer can be found in Table 4.

*Table 4. Breath-based biomarkers for lung cancer detection.*

Cytokines	DNA, protein, peptides	Oxidative stress	Others
Interleukin-2 <sup>305</sup>	S100A11, ANXA1, ENO1, FABP5 <sup>302</sup>	Hydrogen peroxide <sup>306,307</sup>	Lipid peroxidation <sup>308,309</sup>
Interleukin-6 <sup>310</sup>	Let-7 <sup>304</sup>	Nitric oxide <sup>307</sup>	
Tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$ <sup>305</sup>	KRT1, KRT6A, KRT6B, KRT6C, KRT9, KRT10 <sup>302</sup> 3p microsatellite alterations <sup>292,312</sup> p53 mutations <sup>289</sup> Endothelin-1 <sup>313</sup> Leptin <sup>305</sup>	8-isoprostane <sup>311</sup>	

A recent study used a proteomic approach in exploring lung cancer biomarkers in EBC from 20 individuals (n=10 diseased and n=10 healthy). They reported identification of a total 1151 proteins from which four (S100A11, ANXA1, ENO1, FABP5) (Table 4) were identified as novel biomarkers for lungcancer<sup>302</sup>.

Although it seems that EBC could potentially offer biomarkers for several diseases, diagnostic accuracy of its use in needs to be improved. For example, detection of COPD based on previously identified EBC inflammatory markers remains challenging and health history or concurrent diseases need to be considered<sup>283</sup>. Another study in which EBC biomarkers were compared to bronchoalveolar lavage biomarkers showed no significant correlation<sup>281</sup>.

Some limitations in defining biomarkers from EBC include concentration of sample, low limit of sensitivity (due to being highly diluted), and contaminants, such as saliva and volatile organic compounds. On another hand, exosomes derived from EBC could be a better option for biomarkers than whole EBC, as exosomes can be purified away from the contaminants that can be present in whole EBC.

## 1.5 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

### Aim of the project:

The aims of this project were to characterize exosomes collected from exhaled breath condensate using physicochemical and proteomic methods, to use cell culture models to identify putative biomarkers of lung cancer found on exosomes, and to develop a proof-of-principle test for these biomarkers.

### Objectives:

1. Optimize methodology to isolate exosomes from cell models of normal lung tissue (WI-38 cells) and lung cancer (A549 cells) to identify the proteins found in these exosomes and to propose biomarkers of lung cancer using proteomic methodology.
2. Isolate exosomes from human breath and identify the proteins found in these exosomes using proteomic methodology.
3. Define the proteome of exosomes from cell models of normal lung tissue (WI-38 cells) and lung cancer (A549 cells) to demonstrate that it is possible to identify potential biomarkers of lung cancer and evaluate whether those may be revealed on exosomes to develop a proof-of-principle test using cell culture model. Secondly, determine the benchmark proteome from breath-derived exosomes and use those exosomes as a negative control to test the proposed putative biomarkers of lung disease.
4. Develop a sensitive FRET-based assay to detect interaction between exosomes and proposed putative lung cancer biomarkers with a final goal to distinguish biomarkers between cancer and non-tumorigenic exosomes.



## CHAPTER 2. ISOLATION AND QUANTIFICATION OF CELL- AND BREATH-DERIVED EXOSOMES

### Aim :

The aim of this chapter was to describe the isolation of cell- and breath-derived exosomes and their characterization using physicochemical methods.

### Objectives:

1. Optimize methodology to isolate exosomes from cell models of normal lung tissue (WI-38 cells) and lung cancer (A549 cells) that are sufficiently high quality from cell-based sources.
2. Apply optimized methodology to isolate exosomes from human breath and undertake phenotyping of breath exosomes by comparing them to cell-derived exosomes.

## 2.1 INTRODUCTION

### 2.1.1 Importance of purity and quality of exosomes

Since their first discovery, exosomes have attracted the attention of many researchers, increasing the size of researchers in the EVs field. The origin of exosomes and some of their uses were described in Chapter 1. There are extensive further applications that are beyond the scope of this thesis. However, these additional uses have been extensively reviewed<sup>314–319</sup>.

The previous chapters explained that EVs, including exosomes, can be found in many biological fluids and tissue samples. In order to claim the presence of EVs, the isolate must be an extracellular fluid, which in this case can be either a biological fluid or conditioned cell culture medium. It is important that collection of EVs, including exosomes, should be “optimal” - designed to avoid any mechanical disruption. Despite the potential of exosomes, there are many obstacles that limit their application. Although methods of exosome isolation are generally easy, current techniques are costly and only obtain low yields and purity<sup>320,321</sup>. Today, several techniques have been offered for isolation, characterization, and analysis of the functional properties of exosomes that will be described later in this chapter.

Application of exosomes requires an ability to differentiate them from other subtypes of EVs. A motivation for developing guidelines for studies involving exosomes was based on ensuring reproducibility. Therefore a list of minimal information for studies of extracellular vesicles (MISEV) was published in 2014 and was based on expertise of International Society

of Extracellular Vesicles (ISEV) board members actively involved in exosome research<sup>322</sup>. This document provided basic, yet critical, information, such as methods of isolation and characterization. With rapidly growing interest in this research area, many uncertainties and issues seem to appear quickly and require further clarification, especially with respect to exosomes. After a few years, an updated document – MISEV 2018, was produced by the EV community (>380 authors)<sup>38</sup>. The updated minimal requirement summarized, updated, and clarified the most important points from MISEV2014.

Further, the requirements based on mammalian EVs were corrected and clarified on pre-analytical phase. That included specification on detailed culture and harvesting condition (e.g., passage number, density, and culture volume), medium preparation (e.g., exosomes-depleted serum), storage, separation and concentration, quantification including total proteins, lipids, and RNA. The conclusion of the minimal requirements updates recommended use of the preferred generic term “extracellular vesicles” unless the vesicles are defined by biochemical characteristics matching a particular subtype. According to MISEV 2018<sup>38</sup>, an EV will be called an exosome only after showing “at least three positive markers of EVs, including at least one cytosolic protein and transmembrane/lipid-bound protein; at least one negative marker; and characterized by two different but complimentary techniques (for example, transmission electron microscopy (TEM) and dynamic light scattering (DLS))”. In addition, isolated EVs have to be evaluated for their purity as non-EV structures (e.g., lipoproteins<sup>323</sup>) can be present potentially interfering with characterization. For example, to be characterized as exosomes, proteins associated with Golgi apparatus, endoplasmic reticulum, mitochondria, autophagosomes or nuclear components must not be expected as they are present in larger EVs<sup>38</sup>.

Methodological approaches for isolation and quantification of exosomes, their proteomic analysis and finally detection are critical for choosing a biomarker for diagnostic purposes and will be discussed in the next subchapters.

## 2.2 LITERATURE REVIEW OF EXOSOME ISOLATION METHODS

### 2.2.1 Differential ultracentrifugation (UC)

The most common method of exosomes isolation is differential ultracentrifugation (UC). UC has been used for decades and still remains as a standard method of isolation<sup>324–326</sup>. This widely employed technique<sup>327–329</sup> has the advantage of minimal sample manipulation. The



collected source of biological fluid can be simply transferred to an appropriate centrifugation tube shortly after collection and proceed following a chain of sequential steps with increasing centrifugation force as well as duration. This method is applicable for large sample volumes, such as conditioned cell culture medium, as small samples will result in a lack of purity<sup>330,331</sup>.

However, the efficiency of the method is lacking the purity of vesicles, not even mentioning being time-consuming and labor-intensive. Livshits et al<sup>330</sup> present a very interesting theoretical analysis of exosomes isolation by differential centrifugation. They base his conception on the type of rotor that is used in common isolation protocol and the importance of “cut-off” sizes for vesicles. His analytical explanation is based on the theory that smaller particles, which presence are fewer compared to larger particles, may finish their migration together with larger particles. The issue with that is that the acceleration force (which governs migration rate) is dependent on particle size, with larger vesicles being subject to greater forces, and so is offset by larger vesicles being retarded more by the ultracentrifugation medium. Another obstacle is co-precipitated aggregates, lipoproteins, and contaminants<sup>332</sup>. Other research groups reported that even with a prolonged UC cycle including overnight<sup>333</sup>, impurities were still observed in exosome samples<sup>334</sup>. Théry et al<sup>324</sup> suggested to dilute the sample with an equal volume of the buffer (1×PBS) if the original sample has a high viscosity.

### **2.2.2 Size exclusion chromatography (SEC)**

Size exclusion chromatography (SEC) is equally often used, and preferable to UC as it allows separation of exosomes while keeping their original shape<sup>335</sup>. This method allows rapid and gentle isolation of EVs based on their size by using prepacked columns with porous bead resins<sup>335</sup>. The order of exosome elution from the column depends on their hydrodynamic radius. This method has several advantages, such as being less time consuming and needing less sample volume than in UC method. Vesicles isolated by SEC also experience minimal damage and deformation and do not require specialized equipment and space to conduct the process<sup>336</sup>. Further, SEC is applicable for isolation of exosomes from a variety of biological fluids. Unfortunately, SEC leaves the purified exosomes in a diluted state, necessitating further manipulation for some applications<sup>327</sup>. For example, while it always works for cell culture conditioned medium, it seems that the presence of lipoproteins in EVs samples remains challenging for samples from human plasma<sup>337</sup>. Several attempts optimizing the SEC method for human plasma included plasma dilution to reduce the viscosity and prolonged cycles of UC<sup>338</sup>, optimization the CCM by adapting it to a reduced FBS or FBS-free medium<sup>54</sup>, and

finally switching to exosomes-depleted FBS<sup>339,340</sup>. In addition, Guerreiro et al<sup>341</sup> proposed that using ultrafiltration prior to SEC allows to separate exosomes from many of the smaller proteins in the sample. A study by Davis et al<sup>342</sup> also confirms that using SEC method helps to avoid unnecessary impurities and best suited of all commonly applied isolation techniques.

### **2.2.3 Density gradient centrifugation**

Density gradient centrifugation is mostly used after a crude EV population had been isolated<sup>343</sup>, but is also applicable for viruses and lipoproteins. Previously, it has been mentioned that UC causes deformation and even breakage of vesicles and accumulation of other aggregates during the process. Density gradient centrifugation is highly effective in separation of vesicles without deformation, even though the gradient undergoes ultracentrifugation for a longer duration 16 h<sup>344</sup> or 24 h<sup>345</sup> and at higher centrifugal force (210,000×g) than UC.

The medium for density gradient isolation frequently includes a sucrose or iodixanol (OptiPrep) gradient. According to Chen et al<sup>346</sup>, sucrose gradients achieves high level of purity that other methods are not able to provide. This method follows the same steps as standard ultracentrifugation, but with an addition of the sucrose cushion in the last step. That being said, there are several disadvantages. For example, this method is not suitable for low sample volumes as it requires several steps of centrifugation and can occasionally cause breakage of vesicles<sup>327,347</sup>; moreover, it is a time-consuming method as the last step includes 24 h of ultracentrifugation<sup>331</sup> that can prolong isolation for 2 days. Another disadvantage is a high cost<sup>327,348</sup> that prevents many research group even to consider it. In addition, it is not suitable for downstream applications (protein and RNA profiling<sup>349</sup>) and requires a verification of the absence of co-isolated materials<sup>350</sup>.

The outcome of using density gradient separation over other methods often prevailed in plasma-derived exosomes based on their size similar to lipoproteins<sup>351</sup>. However, it has been shown that combining density gradient centrifugation with other purification methods leads to greater degrees of exosome purification<sup>345</sup>.

### **2.2.4. Immunoaffinity capture**

This method uses magnetic microbeads (streptavidin-modified are most common) with which exosomes get incubated with. Briefly, after incubation with magnetic beads, they recover by rinsing a column or magnetically separating exosomes microbead complex, washing

them in 1×PBS solution, centrifuging at the similar force as final step for UC method, eluting with a special buffer or even lysing with buffer for electrophoresis and further analysis<sup>352</sup>.

Challenges in this method show the importance of establishing the correct ratio between antibodies, exosomes, and beads in characterization of melanoma cell-derived exosome<sup>353</sup>. However, as it shown in this study, it is possible to isolate specific exosomes based on a defined target, leaving unwanted vesicles aside. Other studies also confirm the immunoaffinity capture method allows to isolate subpopulation of EVs without contamination and with “retained biological activities”<sup>354,355</sup>. The same studies proposed that the immunoaffinity method coupled with other techniques involving physical separation or other isolation procedures gives a high purity of the final exosome elution. At the end, application of this method allows to eliminate large aggregates including unwanted proteins and even lipids<sup>356</sup>.

### 2.2.5 Filtration-based techniques

Filtration techniques usually play an additional role to the other methods described in this section and is not used as a main method of isolation. Filtration is based on separation of vesicles based on their size or molecular weight, eliminating particles that are not included in the size-range of the vesicles of interest. Filtration can be used at any stage of isolation. For example, in the beginning of the process using media enriched in vesicles to remove larger vesicles and cell debris, and at the final step to ensure the presence of a particular size of vesicle in the solution<sup>357</sup>. Most often, filtration accompanies UC (plasma<sup>358</sup>, uterine aspirates<sup>359</sup>, urine<sup>360</sup>, and other different biological fluids<sup>361</sup>) and SEC (CCM<sup>336,362–364</sup> and plasma<sup>341</sup>).

Membranes with pore diameters of 0.8, 0.45, 0.22, and 0.1 µm are most common in the isolation process<sup>335</sup>. Application of filtration method for exosomes isolation alone is still remaining challenging. Very often, vesicles get stuck to the membrane filter which results in their loss<sup>360</sup> causing filter plugging and deformation of filters<sup>335,357,360</sup>. Some proteins also adhere to the membrane, which results in losing potential proteomic information<sup>365</sup>.

Functional studies by Benedikter et al<sup>336</sup> have introduced a 0.22 µm filtration step aiming to concentrate and purify small EVs (sEVs). The same study also concluded that using 10 kDa filters show completely recovery of vesicles at a much higher concentration than when using 100 kDa filters, where recovery was only 40%<sup>363,364</sup>. On the other hand, several studies reported challenges where isolation of exosomes using a filtration method was not efficient. For example, the cryo-SEM microscopy analysis conducted by Heath et al<sup>366</sup> showed lipid droplets and other large contaminants combined with cell-derived EVs samples isolated by tangential

flow filtration. In contrast, another research group confirmed highly purified exosomes could be isolated by sequential filtration, which generated exosomes free from protein aggregates<sup>333</sup>. A notable advantage of tangential flow filtration is that it works well for large volume samples as has been reported by Buscetto et al<sup>367</sup>.

### 2.2.6 Precipitation-based techniques

Precipitation methods have been designed for their simplicity. They usually include adding a solution that contains an organic solvent such as polyethylene glycol (PEG) or acetone, then quick centrifugation at low speed (3,000-5,000×g), and a wash with 70% ethanol. Garcia-Romero et al<sup>368</sup> found exosome isolation by PEG is a quick and low cost technique that provides high yield of EVs suitable for future biomarker discovery. A two-step PEG-precipitation was found to more successfully purify exosomes than other methods<sup>369</sup>. Rider et al<sup>370</sup> suggested that a higher PEG concentration than is conventionally used can increase precipitation of smaller vesicles and is therefore useful for isolation of exosomes. Further, the experiment was done on different biological fluids including plasma, saliva, urine, and CSF showing not only a high yield with retention of biological activities.

Interestingly, another research group<sup>371</sup> suggested that precipitation methods by PEG and PROSPR (Protein Organic Solvent PREcipitation) are ideal for biomarker discovery and specifically for therapeutic uses as they are both capable of removing abundant proteins from the sample. However, the same study reported that they were unable to image exosomes isolated by the PEG method. An attempt to isolate exosomes by PEG followed by washing and pelleting by UC was performed by Ludwig et al<sup>369</sup> on both small and large scales. The goal of their research work was to test the efficacy of the PEG method in concentrating sEVs. In order to prove the efficiency of this method, further investigation in detection of residual PEG particles in the final samples was performed by barium-iodide staining techniques. As a result, it had been confirmed that all PEG residues were washed out making this technique suitable for sEVs enrichment. Despite retaining their functional activities after PEG precipitation, those sEVs are not recommended for molecular analysis due to their low purity. In addition, the same study concluded that PEG precipitation is unable to separate different type of sEVs within the sample. It has been previously reported that molecular weight of PEG can affect the precipitation process<sup>372</sup>.

A recent report by Gallart-Palau et al<sup>373</sup> presented an experimental workflow for isolating enriched EVs from the CNS using PROSPR method. According to their results, the percentage

of isolated EVs revealed that somewhere around 80% of observed vesicles were exosomes and 75% of identified proteins reported to be associated directly with exosomes. Their results confirm that PROSPR method is applicable to exosome isolation and can be easily and inexpensively performed and offers potential in clinical settings. On the other hand, there are a few limitations. Using organic solvents may interfere with the functional properties of EVs causing their fusion<sup>371</sup> and won't be suitable for a large sample volume. Although several studies have proven that PROSPR can be successfully used in exosome isolation and specifically with an increased concentration of exosome proteins. However, identifying tumor-specific proteins still remains challenging and application of PROSPR to this end needs further validation<sup>335</sup>.

Charge-based precipitation coupled with PEG confirmed successful recovery of vesicles from small volume samples when tested on different biological fluids including saliva and human liver stem cells<sup>374</sup>. This study used various doses of protamine to induce exosomes isolation and evaluate the ability of EVs to retain their biological activities after isolation. Another research group led by Klymiuk et al<sup>375</sup> that applied the same method, but on an equine mesenchymal stem cell line reported vesicles aggregation, which didn't seem to be an issue in a previous study.

A novel "salting-out" technique proposed by Brownlee et al<sup>376</sup> works by mixing the sample with 0.1 M acetate buffer at pH 7.4 allows to rapid isolation fast without specialized equipment. Their study confirmed that salted-out EVs are indistinguishable from those obtained by well-known and preferable method ultracentrifugation. The efficiency of this method was confirmed by Kotmakçi et al<sup>377</sup> and Sáenz-Cuesta et al<sup>378</sup>. However, vesicle aggregation, contamination with non-EV proteins, the presence of polymers, and the need for an extra purification step are limitations of this method<sup>356,377</sup>.

The one-step precipitation method from different biological fluids is also used in several commercial EV isolation kits, such as ExoQuick (System Biosciences), Exo-Spin (Cell Guidance Systems), Total Exosome Isolation (Invitrogen), and ExoPrep (HansaBioMed).

### 2.2.7 Microfluidic technologies

Microfluidic methods are relatively fast and efficient, but costly and require special equipment<sup>379</sup>. These methods operate on a micrometre scale and use combined strategies that allow efficient isolation. Currently, there are several devices that can be coupled

with as electrophoresis (blood and plasma samples)<sup>380</sup>, magnetism<sup>381,382</sup>, applied acoustics<sup>383</sup> (whole blood), and immunoaffinity<sup>384</sup>.

A microfluidic system with an integrated acoustic-fluidic device is able to separate exosomes from other vesicles based on their size, as confirmed by nanoparticle tracking analysis (NTA)<sup>383</sup>. It requires as little as 50 µL of the sample<sup>36</sup>. In addition, the same study was able to demonstrate the removal of unwanted blood components, such as red and white blood cells. Another study that used an acoustic nanofilters was based on "in-flow size fractionation". It reported 80% exosome recovery rate from CCM and red blood cells<sup>385</sup>. Successful coupling of immunoaffinity capture and electrophoresis was shown by Vaidyanathan et al<sup>386</sup> who were searching for non-invasive biomarkers in cancer. Cho et al<sup>387</sup> discussed the concept of electro-mitigation; however this attempt was not partially successful for exosome isolation, but resulted in 65% recovery of EVs. The use of microfluidic devices for liquid biopsies, including the isolation of exosomes, and their role in capturing and detecting biomarkers has been recently reviewed<sup>388</sup>.

"Lab-on-a-chip" methods use small sample volumes and can typically be carried using less hands-on time. This approach has proven successful in working with blood plasma samples, naming high viscosity and contamination with non-specific proteins as downside effects<sup>389</sup>.

### 2.2.8 Commercial isolation kits

A large proportion of exosomes are lost in the process of purification, especially during separation from other subtypes of EVs, proteins, and cell debris. To combat this problem, commercial exosome isolation kits that take less time and provide high purity samples can be used.

There are several kits available on the market, including ExoEasy Maxi Kit (Qiagen), Pure Exo exosomes isolation kit (101Bio), and Exosomes Purification kit (Norgen Biotek). Most of them are very easy to work with and do not require specific equipment. The basic principle of commercial kits is sedimentation by using a polymeric agent. Depending on the kit, isolation can usually be done in a short time (within an hour) and following simple procedures<sup>357</sup>. The formation of pellets containing exosomes is achieved by mixing the sample with a provided solution and then centrifuging on low speed (700-1500×g). Current challenges for most kits are their cost, low protein yield, sample volume dependency, and inability to differentiate sub-classes of EVs<sup>379,390</sup>. The major drawback for commercial kits is that the

polymeric reagent<sup>349</sup> that can affect characterization of exosomes and their biological activities due to contamination with residual matrix<sup>391</sup>, non-vesicular molecules<sup>390</sup>, and other impurities associated with commercial kits<sup>379</sup>.

## 2.3 LITERATURE REVIEW ON EXOSOME CHARACTERIZATION

### 2.3.1 Dynamic light scattering (DLS), nanoparticle tracking analysis (NTA), and Tunable Resistive Pulse Sensing (TRPS).

Three common methods for characterizing exosomes (such as counting and sizing) are DLS, NTA, and TRPS. As DLS was used extensively in this thesis, an overview of this technique included below. A brief description of other two techniques (NTA and TRPS) is also included for comparative purposes.

DLS can be used to determine the size distribution of exosomes and microvesicles in a fluid (Fig. 4). The sample is illuminated at a fixed angle and changes in the subsequent scattering pattern are monitored. Particles move randomly through the solution following Brownian motion. The movement velocity depends on the hydrodynamic diameter of the particle, the temperature and viscosity.

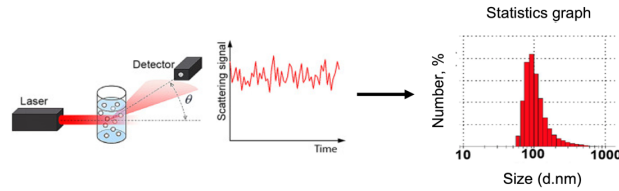


Figure 4. Dynamic light scattering (DLS) with example of analysis of EVs<sup>392,393</sup>.

This Brownian motion causes changes in light scattering when a laser passes through the solution, proportional to the hydrodynamic size of the solutes. A diffusion coefficient of particles ( $D$ ) can be used to determine from the data, and from this the hydrodynamic radius of the particles can be determined using the Stokes-Einstein's equation (eq 1):

$$D = k_B T / 6 \pi \eta R \quad (\text{eq 1})$$

where  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann coefficient,  $T$  is the temperature,  $\eta$  is the viscosity, and  $r$  is the radius of the vesicle<sup>394</sup>. One of the biggest advantages of DLS is that it can measure particles

ranging in size from 500 nm to 6  $\mu\text{m}$ , but it is predominantly useful for determining particle size when the samples contain monodisperse particles<sup>395</sup>. DLS struggles to calculate accurate particle sizes in polydisperse systems<sup>396</sup>, due to the larger particles leading to a greater degree of scattering, making detection of small particles very problematic<sup>397,398</sup>.

Several studies use DLS to characterize EVs from cell culture and plasma<sup>4</sup>, ovarian cancer cells<sup>399</sup>, and pre- and post-filtration frozen plasma<sup>400</sup>. Overall, DLS is useful in providing the diameter range of EVs. However, no other information such as morphology, subtype or other biochemical information cannot be determined by this method. Unlike DLS, NTA is an image-based method although it follows the same Brownian principles (Fig. 5).

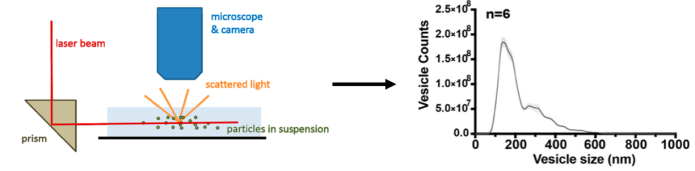
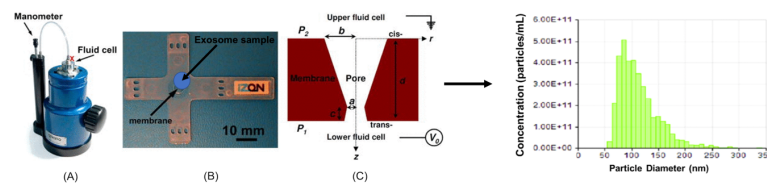


Figure 5. Nanoparticle tracking analysis (NTA) with example of analysis of EVs<sup>393,396</sup>.

NTA allows characterization of vesicles on a single-particle level, which is critically important as EVs are known to be heterogeneous in size<sup>401</sup>. The sample preparation is as easy as for DLS and samples can be recovered after measurements. When preparing the sample, it is important to follow the protocol and bring the sample to correct concentration, viscosity, and dilutions. The recommended working concentration of EVs should be in the range of  $2 \times 10^8$  -  $20 \times 10^8/\text{mL}$ <sup>402,403</sup>. In addition, refractive index (RI) should be considered<sup>404,405</sup> as it can influence detection limits along with pre-analytical conditions (preparation and storage)<sup>402</sup>. Gardiner et al<sup>404</sup> has identified RI for the variety of EVs including urinary (fresh and lyophilized), neuroblastoma, blood, activated platelets, and placental (small and large) concluding that the values become much smaller as diameter of vesicles decreases. Other challenges might include air bubbles, temperature changes, and laser alignment<sup>406,407</sup>.

The tunable resistive pulse sensing (TRPS) method (Fig. 6) is considered as one of the major techniques for EV characterization, including counting and sizing<sup>350,408,409</sup>.



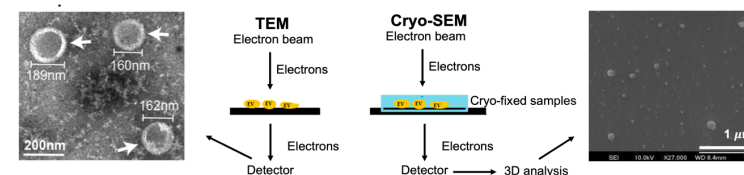
**Figure 6.** TRPS (qNano, Izon) system. (A) The Izon qNano unit, (B) cross-shaped nanopore including the elastic membrane in the center of which exosomes will be applied (the size of pore can vary depends on the vesicles size), and (C) the cross-section of a pore with example of analysis of EVs<sup>410,411</sup>.

Before measurements, samples of EVs are diluted in a conductive electrolyte buffer and then applied in the middle of a membrane pore that is located on the top of fluid cell. EVs are measured as a result of a change in the electrical resistance when they move across the pore of the membrane. Each vesicle produces a resistive pulse that is used to measure the size of an individual vesicle. The vesicle concentration is proportional to the count of resistive pulses per minute. An advantage of TRPS is its ability to characterize a polydisperse sample, providing distinct peaks for each different size group. A disadvantage of this techniques is that larger EVs can cause blockage of membrane pores<sup>408</sup>.

### 2.3.2 Microscopy-based characterization

Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) is commonly used for the imaging of EVs and can give an idea of the structure and morphology<sup>395,412</sup>. This technique has been extensively used in this thesis to validate morphology of exosomes and used in combination with immunoblotting that will be described later. Electron microscopy uses electrons that pass through the sample to form an image (Fig. 7). The image forms when the transmitted or the unscattered electrons hit a fluorescent screen that produces an image based on the density of the material. This image is then photographed by a camera. TEM needs to be done in vacuum as the electrons can be easily deflected. Additionally, the sample cannot be aqueous and needs to be dehydrated as imaging performed under vacuum conditions. This can affect structure and morphology<sup>396</sup>. To prevent that, the sample can be fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA) solution to preserve the original rounded shape<sup>33</sup>. Since EVs are composed of low electron dense atoms (for example, carbon), TEM of exosomes has decreased contrast of exosomes when compared to metal nanoparticles. For this reason usually a negative staining method (2% uranyl acetate solution) is used<sup>396,413</sup>. Immunolabeling techniques using gold nanoparticles (AuNP) conjugated with specific antibodies can be used to classify specific membrane proteins

expression on EVs surface<sup>414,415</sup>. The first study where the size distribution of the vesicles were reported at the single EV level was successfully conducted by Brisson et al<sup>414</sup>. Disadvantages of this method might include imaging under a non-native environment, some artefacts related to staining and sample storage, and vesicles deformation due to their dehydration<sup>416</sup>. Another point of disadvantages are long imaging hours, requirements of highly trained personnel, and sample preparation.



**Figure 7.** Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) and cryo-scanning electron microscopy (cryo-SEM) principle with example of analysis of EVs<sup>393,396,417</sup>.

Cryo-scanning electron microscopy (cryo-SEM) allows imaging samples in their own environment as sample is being flash frozen and viewed below -100°C (Fig. 7). This method, similarly to TEM, was used in this thesis to characterize morphology of exosomes, and was especially useful in assessing the purity of exosomes. This method is considered as one of the supplemental sources in confirming size and morphology of EVs. Unlike TEM, cryo-SEM does not have special procedures for sample preparation such as embedding and dehydrating. The sample simply gets immobilized by cooling it in liquid nitrogen. Cryo-SEM microscopy allows for superior quality images that confirms the rounded shape of vesicles, as has been reported by several research groups<sup>418-421</sup>. There has been a notable increase in use of cryo-microscopy, and it has even become a preferred method for examining morphology of vesicles as it is free of the dehydration-derived artefacts that can be found with TEM<sup>420</sup>. In addition, a few groups reported that different subcategories of EVs<sup>422</sup> and multilayered vesicles<sup>419,423</sup> can be also identified and detected. The diameter of vesicles analyzed by cryo-SEM can be slightly larger than TEM reported<sup>424</sup>. This can be explained samples remain hydrated during the imaging process and not desiccated as in TEM sample preparation, leading to liquid expansion when being cooled by liquid nitrogen. Challenges will included presence of frozen artefacts, low signal-to-noise ratio due to the sample thickness, sample preparation and operating skills on TEM<sup>416,425</sup>. Like TEM, cryo-SEM can be combined with immunoblotting with AuNP,

which has been successfully done by using EVs from different sources: embryo-endometrial<sup>426</sup>, plasma<sup>373,427</sup>, and platelets<sup>414</sup>.

Atomic force microscopy is a well-known method for analysis at the nano scale that works by recording interactions between the probing tip and the surface of the sample (Fig. 8). It can be used in EV imaging and has been successfully reported in several studies<sup>428,429</sup>.

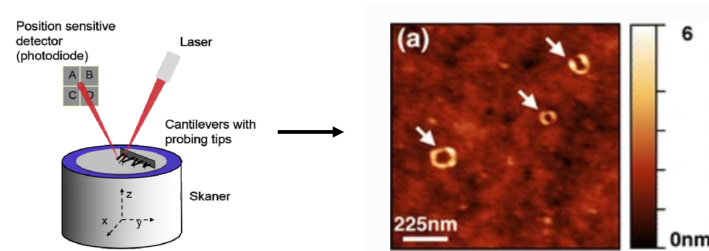


Figure 8. Atomic force microscopy principle with example of analysis of EVs<sup>396,429</sup>.

Confocal immunofluorescent microscopy is a broadly used technique that is used to provide a high-resolution three-dimensional image with an ability to focus on a thin layer in the sample of interest. Frequently samples are labeled (via direct<sup>430–432</sup> and indirect<sup>433,434</sup> approaches) with a specific antibody conjugated to a fluorescent dye as shown in Figure 9. Briefly, a laser is focused on an objective lens after being reflected by a dichroic mirror. Once light excites the fluorophore dye it emits at a different wavelength and travels back through the objective lens and mirror creating an image (Fig. 9).

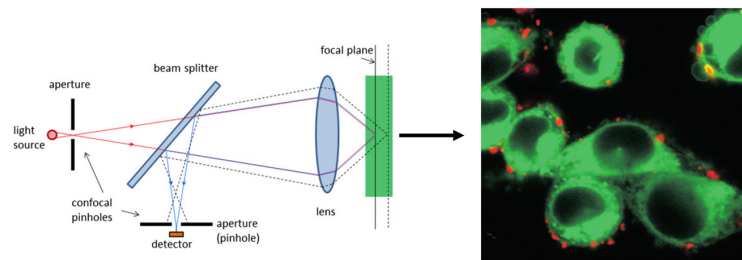


Figure 9. Confocal microscopy principle with example of analysis of exosomes stained with Cy5 (red). Cell membrane is stained with PTK-7 (green)<sup>435,436</sup>.

Labeling of EVs does not always require use of antibodies. For example, a research study of the cellular uptake of prostate cancer-derived EVs led by Roberts-Dalton et al<sup>433</sup> reported that a novel thiol-based indirect labeling method allows imaging EVs over 6 h without compromising EVs' integrity and fully retaining their biological function in inducing differentiation of fibroblasts. Another successful example of indirect fluorescent labeling was described by Gangadaran et al<sup>437</sup> by using *Renilla* luciferase (Rluc) dye in EVs derived from thyroid cancer cells in mice. Visualization by fluorescence microscopy can be very useful in preparation for flow cytometry experiments, as will be briefly described below.

### 2.3.3 Flow cytometry

The principle of flow cytometry based on identifying particles in suspension passing through a laser beam collecting fluorescence from specific labels as well as forward and side scattered light. The data from the latter can be translated into particle size<sup>438,439</sup> (Fig. 10).

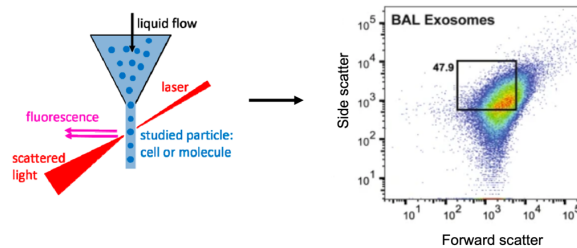


Figure 10. Flow cytometry principle<sup>14,396</sup>. BAL- bronchoalveolar lavage

Currently, flow cytometry is widely used in analyzing EVs (300-500 nm in size<sup>396,440–442</sup>) and their components<sup>443</sup> allowing collection of information about particles' phenotype, such as their number and size<sup>396</sup>. However, several studies reported detection of EVs in a size of 200 nm<sup>444</sup>, 280 nm<sup>445,446</sup>, and 160-200 nm<sup>447,448</sup>. Historically it has been notoriously difficult when applied to EVs due to their size, heterogeneity, and previous lack of markers that could distinguish a specific population of interest<sup>449</sup>. Conjugation of EVs with microspheres (polystyrene-organosilicate composites<sup>450</sup>, streptavidin-coated particles<sup>451</sup>, fluorescent multiplex beads<sup>448,452</sup>, latex beads<sup>453,454</sup>, and silica microspheres<sup>406</sup>) seems to be able resolve this issue. Application of conjugated EVs has been shown in characterization of serum exosomes of patients with pancreatic cancer<sup>136</sup> and EVs isolated from normal and pre-



eclampsia conditions in pregnant women<sup>443</sup>. A new algorithm based on Coulter principle<sup>455</sup> has been proposed for distinguishing between EVs and cells, cell debris, and other aggregates<sup>447</sup>.

### 2.3.4 Western blot

Western blotting is one of the most widely applied bulk analysis techniques for EVs analysis (Fig. 11)<sup>5,456</sup>. WB techniques are routinely used to detect a specific protein of interest extracted from cells or other sources, including exosomes<sup>38</sup>.

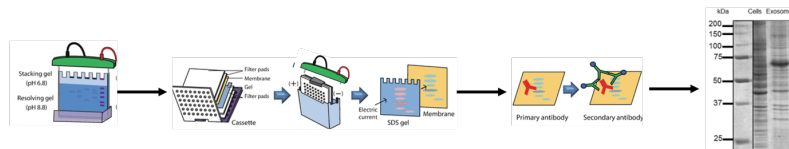


Figure 11. Western blotting technique <sup>410,457</sup>.

Besides detecting and visualizing protein on a gel, it can also give a relative quantification of a protein in the sample. The process of blotting takes a few days as it includes several steps (protein separation by gel electrophoresis, their transfer to a membrane, and detection by antibodies). Each step is equally important. It is a very meticulous technique that combines the resolution of polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis with the specificity of immunoassays.

### 2.3.5 Liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS)

Liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (LS-MS/MS) has been frequently used in clinical studies allowing collection of data from protein analysis to identify biomarkers for various diseases<sup>458</sup>. This technique is very useful in applications if the sample is complex. Therefore, it can be a great asset for characterization of EVs. Separating analytes based on their physicochemical properties allows identification of their unique mass spectra (Fig. 12).

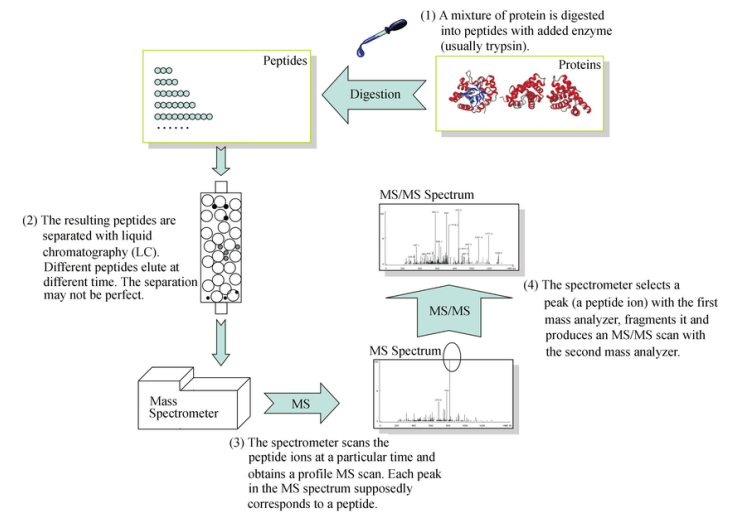


Figure 12. Principle of LC-MS/MS <sup>459</sup>.

A sample for LC-MS/MS needs to be free from contamination with components that interfere with either the chromatographic separation or the mass spectrometry. This method of characterization will be described in Chapter 3.

## 2.4 METHODS

### 2.4.1 Cell culture

A549 cells (ATCC<sup>®</sup>), derived from lung carcinoma tissue, were cultured in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium with 10% heat inactivated fetal bovine serum (FBS) (Sigma, St. Louis, MO, USA) and 1% Penicillin (Gibco<sup>™</sup>, USA). After reaching 80% confluency, cells were washed with phosphate buffered saline (PBS) with a final concentration of 0.01 M (composition NaCl-137 mM, KCL-2.7 mM, Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>-10 mM) (later referred as 1×PBS), trypsinized, and collected by centrifugation (300×g for 5 min). Subcultures were made at a ratio of 1:3 in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> humidified atmosphere at 37 °C for 2 days. After this time, the medium was replaced with fresh medium (washing, subculturing, and centrifugation steps were omitted) with a final concentration of 5% heat inactivated FBS for 24 h, and then bathed in

medium containing 2% exosome depleted FBS (Gibco™, USA) for 12 h to eliminate the risks associated with FBS background. The exosome-rich conditioned cell culture medium (CCM) was then collected to proceed with exosome isolation.

WI-38 cells (ATCC®), derived from normal embryonic (3 months gestation) lung tissue, were cultured in Eagle's minimum essential medium with 10% heat inactivated FBS (Sigma, St. Louis, MO, USA) and 1% Penicillin (Gibco™, USA). Subculturing and further steps were carried out as described above, except using medium and subculturing was undertaken using a ratio of 1:4.

#### *2.4.2 Collection of breath-derived exosomes*

To standardize EBC, no food was taken for 3 h prior to collection. Samples were collected from a single individual for three days. EBC was collected using a chilled tube assembly consisting of a mouthpiece through which breath was exhaled and a 15 mL collection vessel. The subject exhaled for approximately 60 min, with condensate collected in a tube directly maintained at 0 °C. After the third collection, samples were pooled together. Collected EBC was filtered through 0.22 µm MF-Millipore MCE membrane (Millex-GS, Merck Millipore Ltd., UK). The collected EBC was kept in low protein-binding tubes and used within 3 days of preparation. The ethical application was not required as the leading researcher used its own breath. Three biological replicates were collected from the same individual. Each biological replicate was collected within three days. Each of these biological replicates was run in two technical replicates for proteomic analysis (Ch. 3) and in two technical replicates in western blotting. The total volume of each biological replicate was 36 mL.

#### *2.4.3 Exosomes isolation by differential ultracentrifugation (UC)*

To obtain CCM, cells were seeded at initial density  $1.9 \times 10^6$  cells/mL reaching confluency  $8.3 \times 10^6$  cells per T-75. Exosomes were isolated as described<sup>327</sup> with an additional step after the first centrifugation. Briefly, CCM from  $3.7 \times 10^7$  cells first were centrifuged for 5 min at  $300 \times g$  to pellet dead cells. Then for 20 min at  $700 \times g$ , followed by 10 min centrifugation at  $2,000 \times g$  to pellet cellular debris, 10 min centrifugation at  $10,000 \times g$  and run through the 0.45 µm filter (Millipore, Millex-GP, gamma sterilized). Then CCM was concentrated by using ultrafiltration centrifugal concentrators with a molecular weight cut off 10 kDa (Pierce, protein concentrators, PES, 10 K MWCO). Recovered supernatant was collected from each step and

transferred to a new tube before taking the next centrifugation step. Then supernatant was centrifuged at  $10,000 \times g$  for 30 minutes and recovered exosomes-rich supernatant was transferred to a clean polycarbonate bottle with cap assembly, 10.4 mL, 16×76 mm (Beckman Coulter, cat. 355603) and undergone 90 min spin at  $100,000 \times g$  (Beckman Coulter Optima L-100 XP Ultracentrifuge) using type 70.1 Ti rotor, fixed angle, titanium, 12×13.5 mL rotor (Beckman Coulter Life Sciences). Then supernatant was decanted and exosomes were re-suspended in cold fresh Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS) with a final concentration of 0.01 M ((composition NaCl-137 mM, KCl- 2.7 mM, Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>- 10 mM) (later labeled as 1×PBS), pH 7.4 (Thermo Fisher)). Then exosomes were centrifuged again for another 60 min at  $100,000 \times g$ . This step was included as a washing step from any medium debris that could stick to exosomes. After the final step, supernatant was poured off and pellets (exosomes) were re-suspended in 100 µL of cold 1×PBS, pH 7.4 and stored at 4 °C for future experiments. Protein concentration in the breath exosomes sample was measured by using a micro-BCA assay (BCA Rapid Gold BCA assay kit).

#### *2.4.4 Exosomes isolation by size exclusion chromatography (SEC)*

Exosomes were isolated following standard methodology<sup>329</sup> modified as followed. First, CCM<sup>328,460</sup> underwent 5 min centrifugation at  $300 \times g$ , then 20 min at  $700 \times g$ , and finally at  $10,000 \times g$  for 10 min. The collected supernatant was filtered through a 0.45 µm syringe filter (Millipore, Millex-GP, gamma sterilized) in order to separate microvesicles and remove unnecessary proteins and other biological materials. Then the volume of CCM was reduced to 0.5 mL using a centrifugal filter device protein concentrator with a molecular-weight cut-off of 10 kDa (ThermoFisher, Pierce Protein Concentrators PES, 10 K MWCO, 0.5 mL). A qEVoriginal column (Izon Science) was equilibrated with 1×PBS, pH 7.4 (phosphate buffered saline) buffer that was freshly filtered through a 0.22 µm (Millipore, Millex-GP, gamma sterilized). The first 5 fractions were voided (0.5 mL for each fraction) and fractions 6-10 were collected individually. Fresh isolated exosomes were dispersed in the same equilibration buffer. According to Izon Science, the peak of exosomes elution should be in fraction 8. That was confirmed later by TEM, DLS, and western blotting. Following use, the column was washed with 40-60 mL of the filtered buffer and stored vertically at 4 °C.



#### **2.4.5 Preparation biological samples for transmission electron microscopy (TEM)**

The exosome sample (4  $\mu$ L) was mixed with 8% paraformaldehyde in equal parts (1:1 ratio, v/v) and dropped on a formvar/heavy carbon coated (300 mesh) grid (GSCU300CH-50, ProSciTech) that was previously plasma cleaned for 10 min. The sample was left for 10-15 min to dry, followed by 2 washing cycles with Milli-Q water. After, the sample was stained with 4% uranyl acetate for 15 min in the dark. The grid was washed again with Milli-Q water and air dried. Before imaging the sample, the grid was plasma cleaned for 10 min. Images were analyzed on Jeol 2100F using Gatan Microscopy Suite Software 3.0.

#### **2.4.6 Synthesis of gold nanoparticles (AuNP)**

AuNPs were synthesized according to the protocol described by Liu and Lu<sup>461</sup>. First fresh aqua regia was made by mixing HCl and HNO<sub>3</sub> in a 3:1 ratio and then used to soak two-neck 200-mL flasks, stopper, condenser, and magnetic stir bar for 25 min. Then all parts were rinsed several times in sterile deionized water. Secondly, Milli-Q water (98 mL) and 50 mM HAuCl<sub>4</sub> (2 mL) were added to a two-neck flask bringing the final concentration to 1 mM. The flask was then placed on a hot plate. When the solution began to reflux, the stopper was removed, and 38.8 mM sodium citrate (10 mL) was added resulting in color change from yellow to deep red. The solution was left to reflux for another 20 min under stirring. Once the solution was cooled down at RT, the diameter of nanoparticles was around 15 nm as measured by DLS. The size of AuNPs was further confirmed by TEM with defined size range of 18-20 nm. The magnitude of charge repulsion “ $\zeta$  potential” was then measured by using DLS with a result of -35 mV.

#### **2.4.7 Immunolabeling exosomes for TEM**

Immunolabeling of exosomes was performed as described by Jung and Mun<sup>415</sup> with a few differences. A sample (4  $\mu$ L) of freshly isolated EVs were dropped on a formvar/heavy carbon coated (300 mesh) grid (GSCU300CH-50, ProSciTech) that was previously plasma cleaned for 10 min and left to dry for about 20-25 min at room temperature (RT). An aliquot (5  $\mu$ L) of primary antibody cocktail (anti-CD63 (mouse monoclonal (TS63), ab59479, Abcam) and anti-CD81 (mouse monoclonal (M38), ab79559, Abcam) tetraspanin general markers with a dilution ratio of 1:100 in 1 $\times$ PBS containing 1% Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA), pH 7.4 was placed onto the exosomes. Sample were left overnight in a plastic container with a closed lid

secured with parafilm. Next day, the sample was washed in blocking buffer (1 $\times$ PBS containing 1% BSA, pH 7.4) three times for 5 min each. Gold nanoparticles (AuNPs) were synthesized according to the method of Liu and Lu<sup>461</sup> described above in 2.4.6 and conjugated to the secondary antibody (m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-HRP, sc-516102, Santa Cruz Biotechnology, INC) as previously described<sup>415</sup>. The grid was incubated with AuNP-conjugated secondary antibody (5  $\mu$ L) diluted to a ratio of 1:500 in 1 $\times$ PBS containing 1% BSA, pH 7.4 for 1 hour at RT in a sealed container and secured with parafilm to prevent evaporation. The grid then was washed 5 times with Milli-Q water, air dried, and stained with 4% uranyl acetate in the dark as described above. Before imaging, the sample was plasma cleaned for 10 min. Images were analyzed on Jeol 2100F using Gatan Microscopy Suite Software 3.0.

#### **2.4.8 Cryo-scanning electron microscopy (Cryo-EM)**

Samples were prepared by using the freeze-fracturing technique. The exosome sample (5  $\mu$ L) was manually dropped on top of the sample stage and then rapidly cooled and frozen in liquid nitrogen. Then the frozen sample was transferred under vacuum to a cold preparation chamber (Alto 2500, Gatan) where the sample was mounted on the stage maintained at -140 °C and fractured to expose interior structural details of the sample. The sample was coated with platinum (5-10 nm) and imaged on a cryogenic scanning electron microscope (JSM6500F, JEOL) equipped with a 97  $\mu$ A emission gun. All samples were imaged at a working distance of 8.4 mm using low acceleration voltage (10 kV).

#### **2.4.9 Exosomes purification and characterization by western blot**

Samples from breath (total volume of EBC 36 mL) and CCM from 3.74 $\times$ 10<sup>7</sup> cells (both cell lines) were assayed using western blotting to confirm that the isolation procedure produced purified exosomes. Isolation of exosomes was performed as previously described in 2.4.4, with blotting undertaken on samples from pooled fractions 7, 8, and 9 of SEC isolation as well as probing individual fractions isolated by use of the same qEV original columns (Izon Science) and from ultracentrifugation. Sterile medium free of exosomes and with no FBS added was used as negative controls. These negative controls were assayed to ensure that there were no contaminating proteins from media or supplements. Samples were suspended in lysis buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 150 mM NaCl, 1% NP-40) and subjected to two rounds of vigorous vortexing (10 s) and cooling on ice (20-30 min). Samples were finally centrifuged at 10,000 $\times$ g

for 10 min. The pellet was discarded, and the protein concentration of the supernatant was determined using a micro-BCA assay (Pierce Rapid Gold BCA Protein Assay Kit) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Samples were mixed with 4× sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) sample buffer (0.2 M Tris-HCL, 0.4 M dithiothreitol (DTT), 8% SDS (w/v), 6 mM Bromophenol blue, 4.3 M glycerol) and heated for 5 min at 95 °C. Samples containing approximately 20 µg of protein were loaded on a 10% acrylamide gel, and proteins separated by electrophoresis. The western blot was performed according to the protocol described by Lim<sup>462</sup> with minor amendments: 5% BSA was used as a blocking agent; the membrane was probed with anti-CD63 at 1:800 dilution (TS63; Invitrogen, ref. 10628D), anti-CD81 at 1:800 dilution (M38; Invitrogen, ref.10630D) and secondary mouse monoclonal (goat anti-mouse) secondary antibody conjugated to Horseradish Peroxidase at 1:5000 dilution (Santa Cruz, sc-2031). Total loaded protein lysate ~ 20 µg/lane for all samples including negative controls. Blotting was performed using 2µg/mL of anti-CD63 and anti-CD81. The goat anti-mouse secondary antibody was used at a concentration of 0.08 µg/mL. The membrane was visualized on the ChemiDoc Amersham Imager 600 (General Electric).

#### 2.4.10 Dynamic light scattering (DLS)

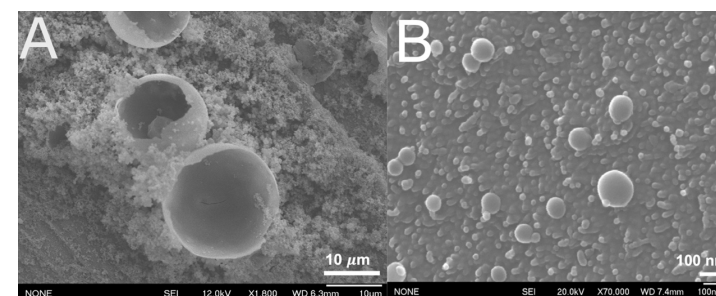
The hydrodynamic diameter of freshly isolated exosomes were measured using the Zetasizer ZS90 (Malvern Instruments, UK) as previously described<sup>463</sup>. All measurements were conducted at RT. Polydispersity index values varied in the range of 0.178-0.232. The size distribution profile of vesicles was obtained from three biological replicates, with each measured in triplicate. Each measurement was obtained from 12 runs following 30 s equilibration.

#### 2.4.11 Statistical analysis

Analyses were performed using Prism GraphPad scientific 2D graphing and statistical software, version 9.1.1 (223) for macOS, April 16, 2021, San Diego, California. Data analysis for DLS measurements was completed using Malvern Zetasizer Software 7.12 (Malvern Instruments, Malvern, UK).

## 2.5 RESULTS

To characterize exosomes from EBC it was first necessary to optimize methods for isolation of pure, intact, and high-quality exosomes. To this end, exosomes obtained from conditioned medium from cultured A549 cells were isolated by two methods: ultracentrifugation (UC) and size-exclusion chromatography (SEC). A549 cells are derived from a human lung carcinoma and were chosen as a straightforward cell model of lung cancer. The WI-38 fibroblast cell line is derived from the lung tissue of a three-month gestational fetus and was chosen as a cell model of healthy lung tissue. Both cell lines were used at early passages (A549 passage 2 and WI-38 passage 3) and periodically monitored for any abnormalities in their morphology<sup>464</sup>. Initially, exosomes were isolated by ultracentrifugation. This method was chosen for its simplicity and compatibility with large volume samples. Figure 13 shows cryo-SEM images of the isolated exosomes.

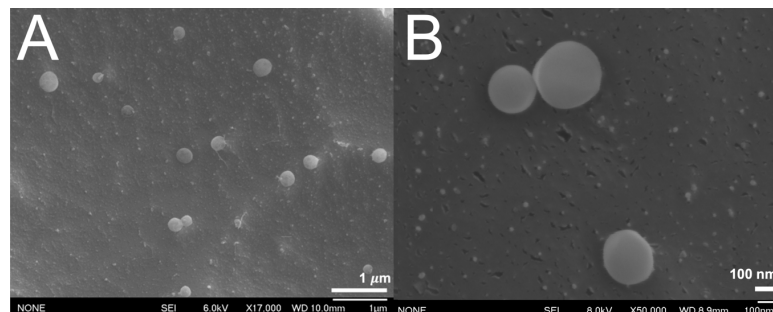


**Figure 13. Characterization of UC-based isolated cell (A549)-derived exosomes by cryo-SEM.** On the figure: (A) other EVs and protein aggregates and (B) exosomes isolated from A549 cell culture model. Images are representative of two independent experiments. Scale bar 10 µm and 100 nm.

Some of the disadvantages of this method previously described in 2.2.1 can be seen on Figure 13 A, including possible mechanical damage of vesicles and co-isolated protein aggregates. However, much more pure samples (Fig. 13 B) were obtained following the optimization of UC. This included filtering exosome-enriched cell culture medium through a 0.45 µm filter after the 10,000×g centrifugation step, and pellet removal and re-centrifuging the isolated exosome at 100,000×g for a second time for another 60 min allowing them to wash in 1×PBS and then pelleted again by centrifugation, bringing the total centrifugation time to 2.5 h.

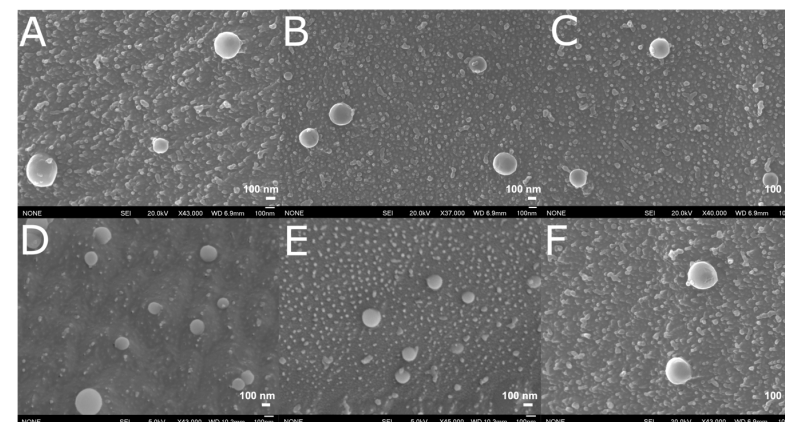
The second method of isolation, SEC, was tested in this study on the cell-derived exosomes from the same cell culture model (A549) with the goal of obtaining exosomes that

would be higher in purity comparing to UC method and intact after isolation. Figure 14 shows cryo-SEM images of the SEC-based isolated exosomes.

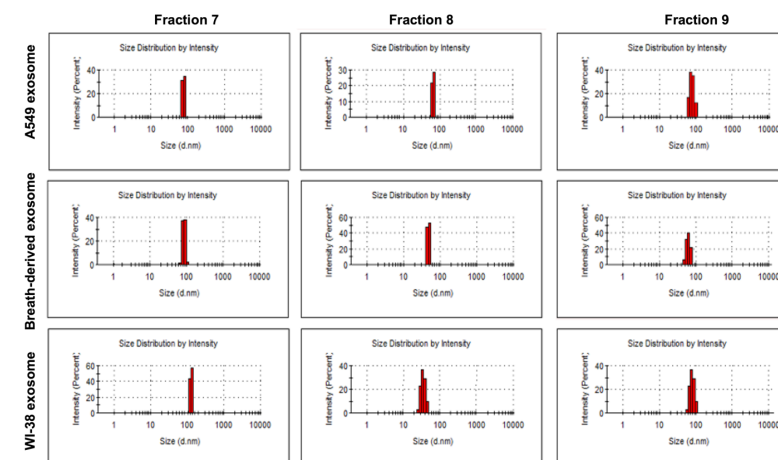


**Figure 14. Characterization of SEC-based isolated cell (A549)-derived exosomes by cryo-SEM.** (A) Exosomes from pooled fractions 7-9 and (B) exosomes from pooled fractions 7 and 8 only. Images are representative of two independent experiments. Scale bar 1  $\mu$ m and 100 nm.

As expected<sup>337</sup>, SEC-based isolation (undertaken using Izon Science qEV original columns) is highly effective at isolation of pure exosomes, preserving them in their intact shape (Fig. 14 A and B) and largely free of the membrane-like plaques or protein aggregates associated with the initial UC conditions<sup>119,352</sup> (Fig. 13 A). As anticipated<sup>329</sup>, A549 cell-derived exosomes eluted from SEC after the column void volume which is represented by the first six 0.5 mL fractions. Although exosomes can be obtained from subsequent combined size exclusion fractions (fractions 7-9)<sup>337</sup> (Fig. 14 A), we found that the two fractions (7 and 8) (Fig. 14 B) immediately following the void volume gave the highest purity exosomes, showing a size range (45-100 nm) that is consistent with exosomes by cryo-SEM microscopy (Fig.15) and DLS (Fig. 16).



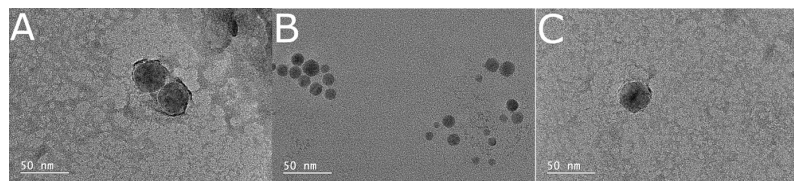
**Figure 15. Cryo-SEM images of SEC-based isolated cell (A549 and WI-38)-derived exosomes.** Images are representative of individual fractions (A) 7, (B) 8, and (C) for A549 and (D-E) WI-38 cell-derived exosome for the same fractions respectively. Scale bar 100 nm.



**Figure 16. DLS analysis of cell- and breath-derived exosomes.** Size distributions of exosomes for fractions 7-9 isolated from A549, EBC, and WI-38. The polydispersity index (PDI) varied in the range of 0.178-0.232. The Y-axis shows intensity in percentage, and X-axis corresponds to the size of the vesicles (d. nm). The plots show the mean from all three biological replicates performed in three technical replicates and repeated three times. The error bar are not visible due to insufficient variability in the data.

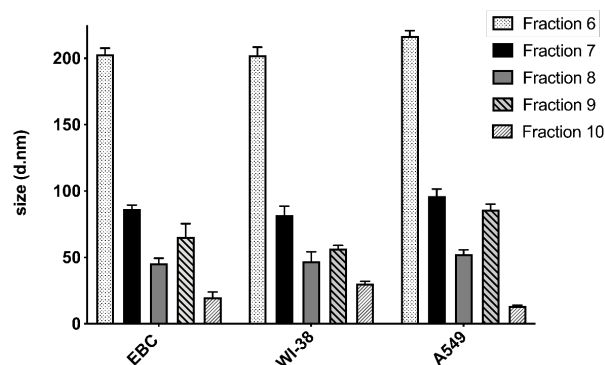
Although the DLS data suggest that vesicles in fraction 9 are similar in size to those from the earlier fractions, TEM analysis of individual fractions demonstrated that this fraction

contains smaller vesicles in some replicates (Fig. 17) and as a precaution against contamination, such later fractions should not be used where high purity exosomes are required.



**Figure 17. TEM images of smaller EVs of cellular and breath origin.** Images are representative of smaller EVs found in fraction 9 from (A) A549 cells, (B) EBC, and (C) WI-38 cells. Scale bar 50 nm.

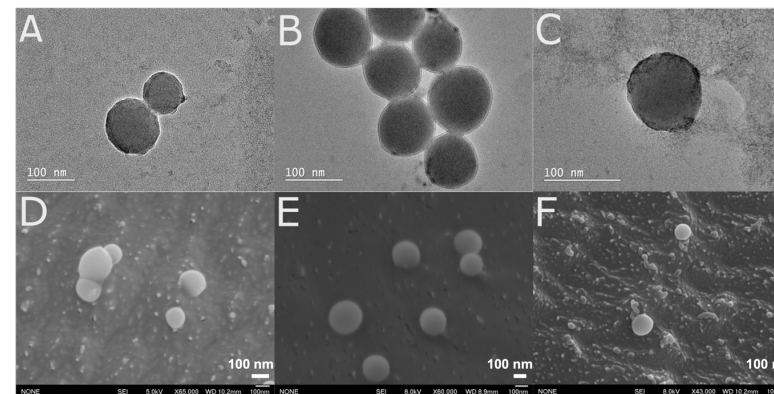
The optimized conditions were then applied to isolation of exosomes from WI-38 healthy lung tissue cell model and EBC. As can be seen in Figures 15 and 16, the vesicle sizes for each isolated fraction are consistent across the cell lines and EBC and are in the 45-100 nm range expected for exosomes in fractions 7 and 8 (Fig. 18).



**Figure 18. Size distribution of cell- and breath-derived exosomes.** The distribution of vesicle diameters (d.nm) as determined by DLS for SEC fractions isolated vesicles from EBC, WI-38, and A549 cells. The Y-axis corresponds to the size of the vesicles (d.nm). Data represents the average of three biological replicates, each evaluated through three technical replicates. Error bars represent the standard deviation of the biological replicates. The figure was generated by using Prism GraphPad Software (version 9.1.1) for macOS, San Diego, California.

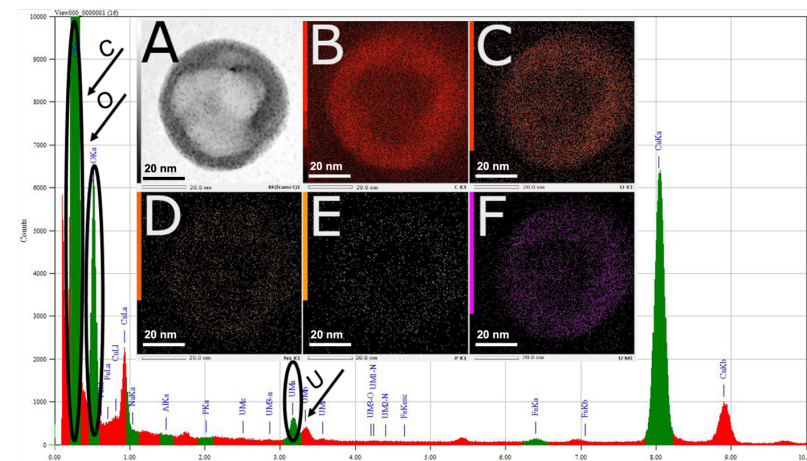
This was further confirmed through microscopy on breath-derived exosomes (Fig. 19). Again, vesicles from fractions 7 and 8 were consistent across replicates and of morphology

consistent with exosomes (Fig. 16). This confirmed that these fractions are suitable for use in the development of exosome-based diagnostics.



**Figure 19. Characterization of SEC-based isolated breath-derived exosomes by TEM and cryo-SEM.** Images are representative of breath-derived exosomes isolated from EBC showing fractions (A) 7, (B) 8, and (C) 9 and cryo-SEM images of fractions (D) 7, (E) 8, and (F) 9. Scale bar 100 nm.

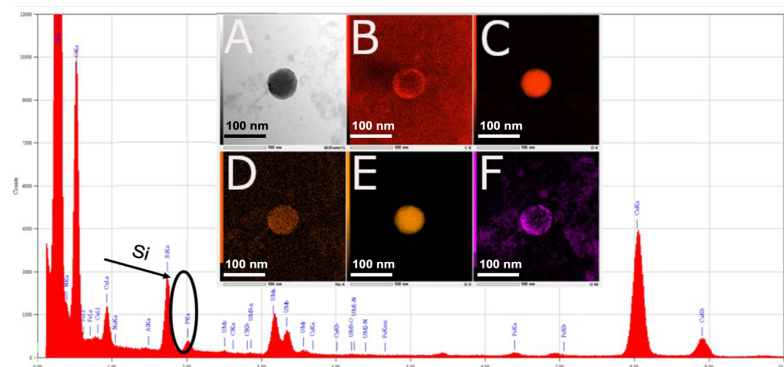
The scanning transmission electron microscopy-energy dispersive spectroscopy (STEM-EDS) chemical mapping technique was used to distinguish exosomes from contaminants that might be present in the sample. This powerful analytical technique enabled analyzing the elemental identity of exosomes and was performed on exosomes isolated from EBC (Fig. 20).





**Figure 20. STEM-EDS map and full EDS spectrum of a single breath-derived exosome.** Images are representative of a SEC-based isolated (fraction 8) single breath-derived exosome. EDS elemental analysis spectrum shows well-defined peaks of carbon, oxygen, and uranium labeled with an arrow. The elemental mapping includes (A) bright field image and elements identified in the vesicle: (B) carbon, (C) oxygen, (D) sodium, (E) silica, and (F) uranium. The Y-axis represents the number of counts per channel and the X-axis represents X-ray energy (keV). Scale bar 20 nm.

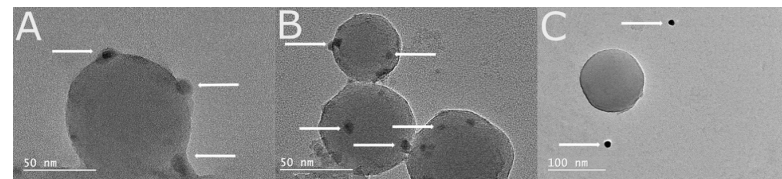
The sample was placed on a copper grid and stained with uranyl acetate, explaining the presence of these otherwise unexpected elements in the EDS spectrum. The presence of abundant carbon and oxygen that maps as co-located with the exosome is consistent with it being of organic origin. This validation is important, as nanosphere impurities within the same size range as exosomes under certain circumstances were observed. These might arise from etching of lab glassware during buffer storage or autoclaving, as water etching of glass has been reported<sup>465</sup>. Silica nanoparticles of this size range are known<sup>466</sup> and this would be consistent with their STEM-EDS map and EDS spectrum (Fig. 21).



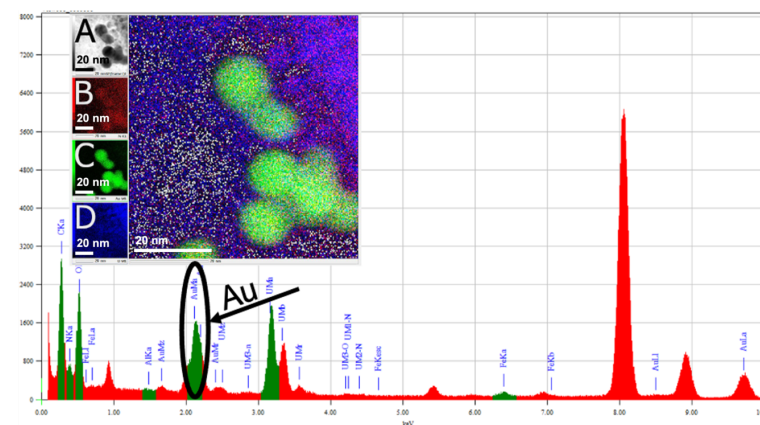
**Figure 21. STEM-EDS map and full EDS spectrum of a silica (silicon dioxide) ball.** Images are representative of a silicon dioxide ball that mimics morphology of exosomes. EDS elemental analysis spectrum shows a well-defined silica peak labeled with an arrow. The elemental mapping includes (A) a bright field image, (B) carbon, (C) oxygen, (D) sodium, (E) silica, and (F) uranium. The Y-axis represents the number of counts per channel and the X-axis represents X-ray energy (keV). Scale bar 100 nm.

To confirm further that the isolated vesicles were exosomes, immunoblotting was performed using a cocktail of primary antibodies against CD63 and CD81, which are known general tetraspanin EV markers<sup>467</sup> (Fig. 22 A and B) that are embedded in the surface of exosomes. The immunoblotting was visualized using TEM through gold nanoparticles (AuNP) (Fig. 23), conjugated to a secondary antibody (m-IgGκ BP-HRP) that interacts with both primary antibodies. A negative control, when the sample was blotted only with the secondary

antibody, was performed to show that there was no non-specific binding (Fig. 22 C). This confirms that individual putative exosomes contain a relevant marker.

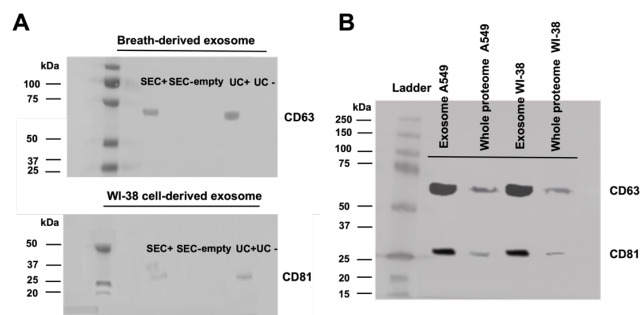


**Figure 22. Grid-immunoblotting-based exosome detection.** TEM images of exosomes from (A) WI-38 cells and (B) EBC treated first with a cocktail of anti-CD63 and anti-CD81 then with a secondary antibody conjugated to AuNP. (C) EBC exosomes were also treated only with the secondary antibody, indicating that association of the AuNP with the exosome is dependent on the presence of the primary antibody. White arrows on images point to selected AuNPs.



**Figure 23. STEM-EDS map and full EDS spectrum of AuNP used in grid-immunoblotting.** The images are representative of AuNP conjugated to the secondary antibodies used for immunoblotting. EDS elemental analysis spectrum shows a well-defined gold peak labeled with an arrow. The elemental mapping includes (A) a bright field image, (B) nitrogen, (C) gold, and (D) uranium including overlay of all elements. The Y-axis represents the number of counts per channel and the X-axis represents X-ray energy (keV). Scale bar 20 nm.

In contrast, conventional western blotting approaches only report the average presence of markers within the sample for non-tumorigenic exosomes including cell- and breath-derived exosomes (Fig. 24 A) as well as their presence in the whole proteome of both cell lines (Fig. 24 B).



**Figure 24. Validation of cell- and breath-derived exosomes by western blot analysis.** Western blot analysis using general tetraspanin EV markers CD63 and CD81 on cell (WI-38)- and breath-derived exosomes. (A) Samples that contain exosomes isolated by two different methods SEC (combined fractions 7-9) and UC are labeled SEC+ and UC+, respectively. Exosome-free negative samples (matching total protein content to exosome samples) are also shown and isolated by the same methods are labeled SEC- and UC-, respectively. The selected markers demonstrate that the methodology of breath exosome isolation is equivalent to the established isolation methods from cell culture medium. (B) Validation of the same markers is also shown on cell-derived exosome isolated by UC from A549 and WI-38 cells and their whole proteome.

## 2.6 DISCUSSION

It is well known that cell culture media can contain several types of membrane vesicles, including apoptotic blebs and microvesicles in addition to exosomes<sup>22,31,38,39</sup>. Because of this, the purification steps used to isolate exosomes are critical to yield and purity. Although, UC is a simple and low-cost method of extraction that is amenable to large sample sizes, vesicles isolated through UC were found to be fragmented and impure (Fig. 13 A). This is consistent with previous observations<sup>468,469</sup> and can be explained as the consequence of shearing force that can potentially change the original morphology of the vesicle deforming it<sup>325,470</sup>.

Previous studies have also found that vesicles isolated by UC do not demonstrate the purity associated with other forms of isolation<sup>337,352</sup>, which makes results from use of the samples uncertain. Although immunoaffinity capture gives high quality exosomes<sup>352</sup>, we chose to use SEC as it is not biased towards exosomes bearing the particular markers chosen for immunoaffinity capture, but generates similarly pure exosomes<sup>337,352</sup>. A feature of SEC is the ability to optimize towards yield or purity. As our envisaged use for breath-derived exosomes is for development of diagnostics, we optimized for purity, rejecting fractions from the size exclusion column that are likely to contain contaminating vesicles or protein aggregates. However, in the later stages of this study, the UC method was re-considered and applied with

several modifications leading to isolation of exosomes with much higher purity than originally isolated via UC. The rationale behind this decision is explained in Chapter 3 (3.3.1).

Whilst our isolation protocol delivered samples with a relatively homogeneous range of sizes that are consistent with exosomes, further phenotyping<sup>471,472</sup> was required to confirm that these breath-derived vesicles are genuine exosomes. This phenotyping provides characterization of breath-derived exosomes that is missing from current literature. Exosomes derived from breath are consistent with those from other sources.

Our experience is that breath exosome samples stored for more than a day begin to lose their well-defined morphology and artifacts begin to appear in samples analyzed through microscopy (Fig. 21). Whilst we have used both TEM and cryo-SEM in this phenotyping work, we found that cryo-SEM provides better definition of morphology of the vesicles, as noted by Wu et al<sup>91</sup>. The composition of the isolated vesicles is fully consistent with exosomes, being comprised of organic matter (STEM-EDS) and having a protein content consistent with conventional cell-derived exosomes.

The use of STEM-EDS is a valuable method of distinguishing exosomes from silica nanospheres, which can be readily mistaken for exosomes based on microscopy alone as they are morphologically similar. Early in our method optimization, silica contamination was found when running STEM-EDS elemental analysis. It seemed likely that these contaminants came from the glass used in reagent storage. Analysis of PBS stored in glass confirmed that it is a potential source of silica contamination (Fig. 21). Our methodology delivered breath-derived exosomes that were free of silica nanosphere impurity through use of a 1×PBS buffer that was prepared on the day it was to be used and immediately transferred to high grade plasticware following filtration (0.22 µm MF-Millipore MCE membrane (Millex-GS, Merck Millipore Ltd., UK)).

The average of size of the particles was roughly similar across the major exosome-containing fractions as would be expected following size exclusion chromatography. The vesicles are in the range of 45-100 nm as seen by DLS, cryo-SEM and TEM. STEM-EDS demonstrates that they are of organic origin, and the isolated EVs are confirmed to contain protein. Evidence from microscopy, DLS, and protein composition points to the need to undertake careful method development for demanding applications, such as diagnostics. Based on the results of this study, only a narrow range of size exclusion fractions are found to contain clean exosomes. Fractions eluting after these are contaminated with smaller structures (Fig. 17) and high protein content. In general, protein concentration is indicative of exosome concentration<sup>38</sup>. However, this will not be true where vesicles are contaminated with protein

aggregates. Normalising the protein concentration to DLS intensity, acting as a useful proxy of exosome concentration, powerfully illustrates this with the last collected sample fraction containing up to approximately 10 times more protein per unit of isolated exosomes than the pure exosome fractions. Given their potential use in protein-based diagnostics, it is particularly important to avoid such protein contamination in purified exosome fractions.

The immunoblotting-grid technique was used to validate the presence of the general tetraspanin EV markers CD63 and CD81 which are embedded in the surface of exosomes. These were first described by Brlansky and Derrick<sup>473</sup> in detection of plant viruses, but have since been used extensively as exosome markers<sup>415,416</sup>. Whilst technically demanding, this technique provided a high standard of proof that the exosome-specific markers are located on the purified exosomes.

## 2.7 CONCLUSION

The aim of this chapter was to describe the isolation of cell- and breath-derived exosomes and characterize them using physicochemical methods. We aimed firstly to optimize the methodology to isolate exosomes that are sufficiently high quality from cell-based sources and, secondly, to apply the optimized methodology to isolate exosomes from human breath. Following this, phenotyping of breath exosomes was carried out by comparing them to cell-derived exosomes. This study provides detailed characterization and comparison of two methods of isolation: ultracentrifugation and size-exclusion chromatography.

Through careful characterization, this study confirms that exosomes can be isolated in a highly purified form from breath. Using size exclusion chromatography, these exosomes can be isolated in sufficient purity to be used for diagnostic purposes, such as proposed for early-stage detection of lung cancer. These demanding applications require highly purified exosomes. Isolation based on size exclusion chromatography should be linked to different tests to determine which fractions contain exosomes of sufficient purity. We found that a subset of chromatographic fractions is reproducibly of high standard, passing metrics on morphology, size, exosome-located markers, and protein contamination. The application of ultracentrifugation gave samples that were pure as those obtained from size-exclusion chromatography, whilst having the advantage that isolation from large sample is possible with several modifications.

Phenotyped exosomes from EBC are equivalent to exosomes isolated from more conventional sources, such as cell culture media. The findings from this chapter will allow us to characterize breath-derived exosomes with a goal to determine whether exosomes obtained from WI-38 cells provide a valid proxy for breath-derived exosomes using bioinformatics techniques based on the identified proteomes (i.e., compare WI-38 cell proteome to human breath proteome). In addition, proteomic analysis of exosomes from cell models of normal lung tissue (WI-38 cells) and lung cancer (A549 cells) will be used to propose biomarkers. Western blotting technique will be used to test whether proposed biomarkers of lung cancer from the cell studies are absent from the exosomes of breath of healthy human volunteers.

## CHAPTER 3. PROTEOMIC PROFILING CELL- AND BREATH-DERIVED EXOSOMES AND PROPOSED BIOMARKERS

### Aim:

The aims of this chapter were to 1) define the proteome of exosomes from cell models of normal lung tissue (WI-38 cells) and lung cancer (A549 cells) to demonstrate that it is possible to identify potential biomarkers of lung cancer and evaluate whether those may be revealed on exosomes to develop a proof-of-principle test using cell culture model and 2) determine the benchmark proteome from breath-derived exosomes and use those exosomes as a negative control to test the proposed putative biomarkers of lung disease.

### Objectives:

1. Identify the proteins found in cell- and breath-derived exosomes using proteomic methodology.
2. Use proteomic analysis of exosomes from cell models of normal lung tissue (WI-38 cells) and lung cancer (A549 cells) to propose biomarkers of lung cancer.
3. Determine whether exosomes obtained from WI-38 cells provide a valid proxy for breath-derived exosomes using bioinformatics techniques based on the identified proteomes. Use western blotting to test whether proposed biomarkers of lung cancer from the cell studies are absent from the exosomes derived from the breath of healthy human volunteers.

## 3.1 INTRODUCTION

### 3.1.1 Overview of proteomics

One of the first steps towards modern-day proteomics was the introduction of two-dimensional gel (2D-gel) by O'Farrell in 1975<sup>474</sup>, who developed the protein separation technique while studying *Escherichia coli*. This technique was able to resolve 1100 different components with a maximum of 5000 proteins. Although electrophoresis allowed for separation of proteins, there was difficulty in separating hydrophobic and extremely acidic or basic proteins<sup>475</sup> and had low reproducibility<sup>476</sup>. At that time, Edman degradation was the main technique for protein identification through sequencing and was of low sensitivity<sup>477</sup>. The major improvement in proteomics was associated with creating the first database of proteins based on 2D gels analysis. The prototype of this database was the result of 3 years' work of

electroblotting and isoelectric focusing done by Aebersold et al<sup>478-480</sup> who realized the great potential of internal sequencing analysis.

The word "proteome" was created by Mark Wilkins while doing his PhD studies at Macquarie University in Australia and represent two worlds "PROTEin" and "genOME" combined together. The term "proteomic" appeared in 1995 and was defined as a large-scale characterization of the entire set of proteins that plays a critical role of all living organisms, tissues and cells<sup>481</sup>. Mass spectrometry was used in proteomic studies as it could provide molecular fingerprinting to identify proteins.

With its further development, proteomics split in several branches relating to slightly different experimental goals. For example, protein expression (comparing proteomes between samples), structural proteomics (determination of atomic resolution three-dimensional protein structures on a genome-wide scale in order to better understand the relationship between protein sequence, structure, and function)<sup>482</sup>, functional proteomics (characterization of enzyme activities as well as protein-protein interactions), proteome mining (drug discovery target), and finally post-translational modification analysis including phosphorylation, glycosylation, methylation, acetylation, amidation, and many other types<sup>483,484</sup>.

Since the introduction of 2D gels, proteomics has become more established, and new technologies related to sample preparation and analysis have emerged. Nowadays, the three pillars of human proteomics include protein fractionation techniques (complex protein or peptide mixtures), mass spectrometry technology to acquire the data for individual protein identification, and bioinformatic analysis (those steps will be described later in this chapter)<sup>485</sup>. Before proceeding with sample preparation, the methodological approach of the experiment has to be chosen. There are two main methodological approaches: bottom-up and top-down proteomics. The choice of the most suitable approach depends on the type of study being undertaken, such as proposing biomarkers or developing a protein-based drug.

### 3.1.2 Proteomic approaches and techniques in identification of proteins and reliable biomarkers

There are two common approaches for protein characterization: bottom-up and top-down approaches. Each of them has their own advantages and disadvantages. The bottom-up approach with label-free quantification for identification of proteins is based on spectral counting of identified matched peptides after MS/MS analysis. This was a primary method used in this study and is explained in detail below. Two other strategies, labeling and chemical



tagging, are also considered bottom-up approaches. For comparative purposes, the top-down approach is also briefly introduced.

Bottom-up proteomics is often used in large-scale studies of proteins. This method is based on digestion of proteins (in-solution or in-gel) before they can be identified through liquid-chromatography-tandem mass spectroscopy (LC-MS/MS). Once the sample is in the instrument, peptides are separated by LC, ionized, volatilized, and passed into the first mass spectrometer (MS-1), which then separates those ions based on their mass-to-charge ratio ( $m/z$ ). Peptide ions are fragmented into daughter ions in a collision chamber and passed through to the second spectrometer (MS-2), which separates and detects the fragment ions, also based on their  $m/z$  values. Substantial informatics analysis allows determination of the sequence of peptides detected in MS-1 based on the MS-2 daughter fragment ions. These sequences are used to predict the proteins present in the original sample<sup>486</sup>. Various schemes of quantification are available, which are based on the signal intensities at either MS-1 or MS-2. MS-2-based quantification is most common if the original sample is a complex mixture.

Bottom-up proteomics is a widely used method of protein identification with an absolute quantitation of protein expression. There are several strategies that have been developed to assist with better quantification. The most employed are metabolic labeling, chemical tagging, and label-free quantification.

The metabolic labeling approach uses stable isotopes to label amino acids in cell culture (SILAC) during cell growth and division. Since first introduced in 2002, this method uses signal quantification from MS-1 spectra and was described by several groups<sup>487–489</sup>. The method was developed to allow accurate quantification of the differences between different cell populations, such as a treatment and control in an experiment. One cell population is cultured in standard culture media, while another cell population is incubated with media containing isotopically labeled amino acids, typically including arginine or lysine containing six <sup>13</sup>C labels. The treatment population can be combined with the control, yet still be distinguished by mass spectrometry as one is “heavy” (containing the isotopically labeled amino acids) and the other is “light” (containing non-labeled amino acids). Mixing populations allows greater sensitivity in the experiment and higher reproducibility as treatment and control are quantified simultaneously in the same LC-MS/MS run. Simultaneous quantification is achieved in the mass spectrometry spectra as each peptide will appear as a doublet that has distinct mass differences, the heavy or light version. Based on the relative mass spectrometry signal intensities from the mixed population, the differential protein abundances between two

samples can be calculated by comparing the intensity differences of the pair of isotope labeling peaks in mass spectrometry<sup>490</sup>.

Two common methods of quantification use chemical tagging: isobaric tags for relative and absolute quantification (iTRAQ) and tandem mass tags (TMT)<sup>491</sup>. Both approaches are based on defining intensity of reporters ions of different masses that are released from isobarically labeled peptides<sup>492,493</sup>. Because of the isobaric nature of these tags, they have identical physicochemical properties, more specifically identical masses. Tagged samples, for example from treatment and control cell populations, can be mixed, and peptides from each population appear in MS-1 as a single composite peak reporting the same mass value and resulting from the same retention time. Following fragmentation of the labeled peptides, MS-2 based quantification generates reports of ion peaks from different tag fragment masses and so allows quantification of the different cell populations under study. Both iTRAQ and TMT tags have the same general components: reporter and balance groups and label amino termini of peptides and the side chains of lysine. However, the structure of the isobaric tags differs between the approaches. iTRAQ uses 4-plex and 8-plex isobaric tags<sup>494</sup>, while TMT uses 2, 4, 6, 10, 16-plex<sup>495</sup> and even 27-plex<sup>496</sup>. Based on their molecular differences, iTRAQ and TMT use different isobaric tags to simultaneously identify and quantify proteins.

Whilst labeling methods, such as SILAC, iTRAQ and TMT can be multiplexed, label-free quantification is usually chosen if several separate samples need to be compared as it allows comparison of a sample with any other samples, whereas in labeled experiments, samples directly compared with those samples that were physically mixed and measured together with a control in one run. There are currently two fundamentally different approaches: quantification of ion intensity (changes in either peptide peak areas or peak heights) and quantification of spectra (spectral counting of identified matched peptides after MS/MS analysis). The second of these was used in this study.

The principle of chemical tagging for both techniques is generally the same. The iTRAQ and TMT markers are used for labeling proteins inside living cells. Both techniques can label proteins from multiple sets of data (treatments and controls). For example, changes in protein abundances can be compared between cancer and non-tumorigenic samples<sup>497</sup>. Although the principle of labeling peptides is the same, their molecular structure and labeling specification are different.

In one approach to quantification of ion intensity, the area for the  $m/z$  peak of each peptide is determined, as this has a linear relationship to peptide concentration. This approach has some challenges with reproducibility and can result in different peak intensities depending

on the machine settings and sample preparation. Unlike quantification of ion intensity, spectral counting, which was used in this study, compares numbers of identified MS/MS spectra from the same protein present in the same sample in each of multiple LC-MS/MS datasets<sup>493</sup>. While this approach does not require complex data analysis compared to the quantification of ion intensity approach, normalization is required. This approach had been usefully demonstrated in studies that directly relate to this project: biomarker identification<sup>498</sup> and the ability to distinguish between cancerous and non-tumorigenic cells<sup>499</sup>.

Top-down proteomics is based on analysis of intact proteins without use of enzymatic digestion. Unlike the bottom-up approach, top-down proteomics retains more information about the parent proteins in the sample, and so is most likely to identify PTMs that cannot be detected through the bottom-up approach.

### 3.1.3 Proteomics studies of exosomes

Although isolation and purification of exosomes is challenging<sup>357,500,501</sup>, several studies have presented comparative proteomic analyses of exosomes and circulating EVs from different biological fluids<sup>174,502,503</sup>.

Recently, numerous studies have reported that the composition and content of exosomes can be used for cancer diagnosis (Tables 1 and 4). Proteomic studies demonstrate that exosomes carry a complement of proteins that indicates the nature of their cell of origin.

This will include proteins that can be used as biomarkers of disease, facilitating use of exosomes in a cancer diagnostic device. Using exosomes for diagnostics based on proteomic analysis requires high purity exosomes, free of contamination from other EVs or protein aggregates. This requires careful attention to the isolation methodology (as demonstrated in Chapter 2), which may need to be matched to the source of exosomes, as obtaining high quality exosomes from some biological materials can be especially challenging.

In the past 20 years, mass spectrometry studies have been investigating the composition of exosomes in order to facilitate biomarker discovery. The specific protein cargo of exosomes arises from the combination of the parental cell type and its environmental conditions as previously described in 1.1.3. Both bottom-up and top-down proteomic approaches have been applied to the study of the protein profile of exosomes. Early proteomic analysis of vesicles mainly concentrated on characterization of highly abundant proteins that were separated using 2D gels and then characterized by matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization-time of flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF-MS), through which important exosome markers

(tetraspanins, annexin, and heat-shock proteins) were identified. At that stage only a small number of proteins could be identified. Later, with an improvement of EV isolation techniques<sup>504</sup>, protein separation, and mass spectroscopy, thousands of proteins from various types of biological samples have been identified and the integrated web-accessible database (Vesiclepedia) has been created<sup>505</sup>.

A comprehensive study of the exosome proteome was undertaken by Choi et al<sup>506</sup>. This study acknowledged that mass spectrometry analysis can identify “thousands of vesicular proteins” and so proceed with their cataloging and other interrelationships. This study explored protein-protein interaction of mammalian vesicles underlining the topology of exosome proteins. By using integrated proteomic data, they were able to generate a platform that identifies protein-candidates related to EVs. Extensive studies over the past 10 years have attempted to characterize the exosome proteome and especially the cancer exosomal proteome. This interest in the proteome of various sources of exosomes arises from a desire to develop clinical diagnostic tools for early detection or monitoring of disease. For example, comparative proteomic evaluation has been reported on exosomes isolated from different biological fluids, such as urinary exosomes<sup>507</sup>, circulating serum exosomes<sup>508</sup>, and seminal plasma exosomes<sup>509</sup> as well as proteome of specific cancer related exosomes such as bladder cancer exosome<sup>510</sup> and ovarian cancer exosomes<sup>78</sup>.

## 3.2 METHODS

### 3.2.1 Protein precipitation for cell- and breath-derived exosomes

Exosomes were purified as described in 2.4.1. Collected exosomes were lysed with 8 M urea solution following flash-frozen (-80°C)/thawed cycle (hot running tap water) repeated 3 times. The lysate was vortexed for about 10 s between each cycle. Then samples were centrifuged at 13,000×g for 5 min and protein rich supernatant was collected and transferred into clean Eppendorf LoBind tubes. Then proteins were precipitated by addition of 400 µL of acetone per 100 µL of supernatant followed by chilling at -20 °C. After 1 hour, vials were vortexed and centrifuged at 13,000×g for 10 min. Acetone was carefully pipetted and residual acetone was removed by air-drying, providing a dry protein pellet for analysis. The pellet of proteins was collected from the bottom of the Eppendorf tube, resuspended in 10 µL of 8 M urea, and kept for further analysis.

### 3.2.2 Whole proteome precipitation

Cells (A549 and WI-38,  $2.1 \times 10^7$  cells/each cell line) were detached with trypsin, transferred to a 50 mL centrifuge tube (Falcon®), and centrifuged at  $300 \times g$  for 5 minutes. Medium was decanted and pellets were washed twice with 5 mL of ice-cold 1×PBS. Pellets then were recentrifuged at  $300 \times g$  for 5 min. PBS was decanted and pellets were subjected to lysis with 8 M urea following flash-frozen ( $-80^\circ\text{C}$ )/thawed cycle (hot running tap water) repeated 3 times. The lysate was vortexed for about 10 s between each cycle while the sample was in liquid phase. Samples were centrifuged at  $13,000 \times g$  for 5 min, and protein-rich supernatant was collected and transferred into a clean Eppendorf tube. Proteins were precipitated by addition of 400  $\mu\text{L}$  acetone per 100  $\mu\text{L}$  of supernatant, followed by cooling to  $-20^\circ\text{C}$ . After 1 hour, vials were vortexed and centrifuged at  $13,000 \times g$  for 10 min. Acetone was carefully aspirated, and residual acetone was removed by air-drying. The pellet of proteins was collected from the bottom of the Eppendorf tube, resuspended in 10  $\mu\text{L}$  of 8 M urea, and kept for further analysis.

### 3.2.3 Protein quantification assay

A Pierce BCA Rapid Gold protein assay kit (Thermo Fisher) was used to quantify the amount of protein in the sample following manufacturer's instructions. First, two-fold serial dilutions of an albumin standard (BSA) were performed, covering protein concentration in a working range of 20-2000  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ . A 20  $\mu\text{L}$  aliquot of each of the standard dilutions was added to a 96-well microtiter plate in triplicate. Then, 10  $\mu\text{L}$  of a cell- or exosome-derived protein sample was added to each well (in triplicate) in the same 96-well plate and brought up to 20  $\mu\text{L}$  final volume (2-fold dilution). The working reagent was made by following the ratio 50:1 (reagent A: B, v/v). Then 200  $\mu\text{L}$  of the working reagent was added. The plate was wrapped in aluminum foil and left on the bench for 10 min. The absorbance of the samples was determined at excitation wavelength ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}$ ) of 480 nm and emission measured at a wavelength ( $\lambda_{\text{em}}$ ) of 525 nm using an EnSpire 2300 multilabel plate reader (Perkin Elmer). The blank absorbance (buffer + working reagent) value was measured and subtracted from the absorbance value of the standards and all samples. The protein concentration of each sample was determined through application of the BSA standard curve, which was constructed using Prism GraphPad software (version 9.1.1 (223)) for macOS, April 16, 2021), San Diego, California.

### 3.2.4 Protein digestion (in-solution)

Protein pellets from acetone precipitation were treated with dithiothreitol (DTT) to a final concentration of 10 mM. Samples were wrapped in foil, vortexed and heated at  $56^\circ\text{C}$  for 15 min followed by another 15 min incubation step with agitation (shaking) at RT. Samples were alkylated with 10 mM iodoacetamide (IAA) at RT in the dark for 30 min and diluted with high-grade LC-MS water so that the residual urea concentration was no more than 2 M. The protein concentration was determined as described in section 3.2.3, and sufficient quantity of trypsin was added so that it was present in a 1:50 ratio (trypsin: protein, w/w). The solution was carefully mixed and incubated overnight at  $37^\circ\text{C}$ . The resultant peptides were purified using 100  $\mu\text{L}$  OMIX C18 tips by using different stock solutions: washing solution (0.1% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA)), conditioning solution (50% acetonitrile (ACN)/water, v/v), and elution solution (50% ACN/water, v/v/0.1% formic acid (FA)) as follows: 100  $\mu\text{L}$  of conditioning solution was aspirated and solvent was discarded. This step was repeated 10 times. From this point, no air was drawn into the tip. The same cycle was repeated but with 100  $\mu\text{L}$  of washing solution finishing the equilibration step and moving on to the sample binding step. The sample was loaded into tip and then dispensed. This aspirate-dispense cycle was repeated 5 times for maximum efficiency. After aspirating 100  $\mu\text{L}$  of washing solution, the solvent was discarded. The washing step was repeated 4 times. For the final, elution step, 100  $\mu\text{L}$  of elution solution was aspirated and the peptides in the total volume of 100  $\mu\text{L}$  were eluted into a new vial. Eluted peptides were transferred into a SpeedVac vacuum concentrator (Labconco CentriVap Concentrator, 78100-00) attached to the CentriVap Ultra-low cold Trap (Labconco, model 7811021; with specification  $-50^\circ\text{C}$  and 99.3% sample recovery). After drying samples for 40 min, completely dried peptides were resuspended in 20  $\mu\text{L}$  of 0.1% FA and then transferred to a glass sample vial for LC-MS/MS analysis.

### 3.2.5 Protein digestion (gel-tube method)

Protein pellets precipitated from exosomes as described in 3.2.1 were resuspended in 20  $\mu\text{L}$  of 8 M urea solution. The purification began with making gel plugs. To a 20  $\mu\text{L}$  sample of resuspended protein, 2% SDS (20  $\mu\text{L}$  of 10% SDS stock), water (30-35  $\mu\text{L}$ ), 7.5% acrylamide/bis-acrylamide (25  $\mu\text{L}$ ), 0.25% tetramethylethylenediamine (TEMED) (0.25  $\mu\text{L}$ ) were added making a final volume of 100  $\mu\text{L}$ . The sample was vortexed and centrifuged until all bubbles disappeared. To that, 0.25% ammonium persulfate (APS) (5  $\mu\text{L}$ ) was added to

initiate polymerization. The tube was briefly vortexed and rapidly centrifuged. After polymerization, the formed gel plug was fixed in 2% phosphoric acid, 30% ethanol for 1 hour. Briefly, the fixative solution was added on top of gel plug, the gel plug was lifted with clean plastic tip, and tube was placed upside-down on a rocking table. After an hour, the fixing solution was replaced with fresh 2% phosphoric acid and 30% ethanol solution and fixed for another hour. Then solution from the tube was aspirated and gel plugs were left in 30% ethanol for 1 hour to shrink (at this point, gel plugs can be stored at -20 °C if the experiment needs to be split into several days). After, the 30% ethanol solution was discarded, and gel plugs were cut into 2 mm sections and each section into approximately 2 mm<sup>3</sup> pieces. Gel pieces were placed into a clean 2 mL Eppendorf tube, washed four times with 400 µL 75% ACN, 25% NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> at 25 mM, and then dehydrated with 400 µL ACN. The ACN was removed. Reduction of disulfide bonds was initiated by adding DTT to a final concentration of 10 mM to cover all gel pieces. Samples were wrapped in foil, vortexed, and heated at 60°C for 30 min followed by alkylation with 55 mM IAA at RT in the dark for 20 min. After the alkylation, the solution was aspirated, and gel pieces were washed 3 times in 200 µL 25 mM NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> and 200 µL ACN and dehydrated twice with 200 µL ACN. Trypsin was added at a 1:100 (trypsin: protein, w/w) ratio in a volume sufficient to cover all gel pieces and incubated overnight at 37 °C. To extract peptides, 200 µL 60% ACN in 0.1% FA solution was added for 1 hour under agitation. The solution containing digested peptides was aspirated and transferred to a clean vial. To further extract peptides, 160 µL 100% ACN was added for 30 min under agitation. The solution after the second extraction was aspirated and pooled together with the first collected extract, bringing the final volume to 360 µL. Gel pieces then were discarded. The peptide solutions were dried in a CentriVap and resuspended in 0.1% FA as described in 3.2.4.

### 3.2.6 Peptide quantification

The peptide mixture (resuspended in 10 µL of 0.1% FA) obtained following method (peptide digestion) was quantified using a Pierce Quantitative Fluorometric Peptide assay kit (Thermo Fisher) following manufacturer's instructions. The fluorescently labeled peptides were detected using a fluorescence plate reader (EnSpire 2300 multilabel plate reader, Perkin Elmer) with excitation wavelength ( $\lambda_{ex}$ ) of 390 nm and emission measured at a wavelength ( $\lambda_{em}$ ) of 475 nm. For the measurements, 10 µL of the peptide digest assay standard (1 mg/mL), 1.5 mL, tryptic digest of a protein standard, in 50 mM ammonium bicarbonate and 0.05%

sodium azide provided with the kit and processed purified protein samples were transferred in a fluorescent-compatible black 96-well microplate (ThermoFisher). Peptide digest assay standard was prepared in 1:2 fold dilutions. Then, 70 µL of Fluorometric Peptide Assay Buffer was added to each well followed by 20 µL of Fluorometric Peptide Assay Reagent added to each well. After 5 min of incubation time measurements were taken. The standard curve was used to determine the peptide concentration of each unknown sample.

### 3.2.7 Matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization-time of flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF-MS)

For mass spectrometry analysis, 1 µL of protein-containing eluate was purified using 100 µL OMIX C18 tips and mixed in a 1:1 ratio (v/v) with  $\alpha$ -cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid matrix. The matrix was prepared fresh on the day of the experiment. To 10 mg of the previously mentioned matrix (ThermoFisher) 50:50 water/ACN (v/v) with 0.1% TFA final concentration was added. The mixture was first vigorously vortexed for 1 min to dissolve (some undissolved matrix will remain), then centrifuged for 20 sec at 2,000×g, and transferred to a new tube. In duplicate, 1 µL of the final solution was deposited onto reusable target AB SCIEX Opti-ToF™ Cal Mix 5 plate with 384 sample positions and allowed to air dry. The AB SCIEX TOF/TOF™ 5800 matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization time-of-flight tandem mass spectrometer (MALDI-TOF-MS) was calibrated using 700-4000 m/z calibration mix. Tandem mass spectrometry was performed on the 20 most intense peaks in each sample, generated by applying 8,000 laser power per spot. To assign identities to the sample, the ProteinPilot™ (SCIEX) software (v.5.0)<sup>511</sup> was used.

### 3.2.8 LC-MS/MS analysis (cell-derived exosomes and whole proteome)

The peptide mixture (resuspended in 20 µL of 0.1% FA) obtained following method 3.2.4 was quantified using a Pierce Quantitative Fluorometric Peptide assay kit (Thermo Fisher) following manufacturer's instructions. The fluorescently labeled peptides were detected using a fluorescence plate reader (EnSpire 2300 multilabel plate reader, Perkin Elmer) with excitation wavelength ( $\lambda_{ex}$ ) of 390 nm and emission measured at a wavelength ( $\lambda_{em}$ ) of 475 nm. For the measurements, 10 µL of the peptide digest assay standard (1 mg/mL), 1.5 mL, tryptic digest of a protein standard, in 50mM ammonium bicarbonate and 0.05% sodium azide provided with the kit and processed purified protein samples were transferred in a fluorescent-

compatible black 96-well microplate (Thermo Fisher). Peptide digest assay standard was prepared in 2-fold dilutions. Then, 70  $\mu$ L of Fluorometric Peptide Assay Buffer was added to each well followed by 20  $\mu$ L of Fluorometric Peptide Assay Reagent added to each well. After 5 min of incubation time measurements were taken. The standard curve was used to determine the peptide concentration of each unknown sample. After quantifying the peptide abundance, each sample was checked using MALDI-TOF/TOF by using  $\alpha$ -cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid matrix for the presence of contaminants. Then 10  $\mu$ L of peptide samples described in 3.2.4 - 3.2.5 were placed in mass spectrometry vials with inserts and subjected to LC-MS/MS on a QExactive plus Orbitrap mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher) with a nanoESI interface in conjunction with an Ultimate 3000 RSLC nanoHPLC (Dionex Ultimate 3000). The LC system was equipped with an Acclaim Pepmap nano-trap column (Dionex-C18, 100  $\text{\AA}$ , 75  $\mu$ m x 2 cm) and an Acclaim Pepmap RSLC analytical column (Dionex-C18, 100  $\text{\AA}$ , 75  $\mu$ m x 50 cm). The tryptic peptides were injected to the enrichment column at a flow of 5  $\mu$ L/min of 2% ACN (v/v) containing 0.1% FA (v/v) for 5 min before the enrichment column was switched in-line with the analytical column. The eluents were 5% DMSO in 0.1% formic acid (v/v) (solvent A) and 5% DMSO in 100% ACN (v/v) and 0.1% FA (v/v) (solvent B). The flow gradient was (i) 0-6 min at 3% B, (ii) 6-95 min, 3-22% B (iii) 95-105 min 22-40% B (iv) 105-110 min, 40-80% B (v) 110-115 min, 80-80% B (vi) 115-117 min, 80-3% and equilibrated at 3% B for 10 minutes before the next sample injection. The QExactive plus mass spectrometer was operated in the data-dependent mode, whereby full MS1 spectra were acquired in positive ion mode, 70 000 resolution, automatic gain control target of  $3 \times 10^6$  and maximum injection time of 50 ms. Fifteen of the most intense peptide ions with charge states  $\geq 2$  and intensity threshold of  $1.7 \times 10^4$  were isolated for MS/MS. The isolation window was set at 1.2 m/z and precursors fragmented using normalized collision energy of 30, 17 500 resolution, autonomic gain control target of  $1 \times 10^5$  and maximum IT time of 100 ms. Dynamic exclusion was set to be 30 s. Raw files were processed using Proteome Discoverer software v2.4 (Thermo Fisher) against the entire SwissProt human proteome database (TAXID-9606, v2019).

### 3.2.9 LC-MS/MS analysis (breath-derived exosomes and whole breath)

Samples were injected using the auto-sampler on an UltiMate 3000 liquid chromatography system (Thermo Fisher) connected inline to the Orbitrap Fusion™ Lumos™ Tribrid Mass Spectrometer (Thermo Fisher) fitted with the Nanospray Flex NG ion source. Xcalibur 4.2 software (Thermo Fisher) was used for method set up (Orbitrap HCD-Low Load

with peptide concentration less than 500 ng), control of the LC-MS/MS runs and data acquisition. Peptides were separated using a flow rate of 0.3  $\mu$ L/min and fractionated with a C18 column (Dionex, LC Packings, Netherlands). A 85-min buffer gradient was constructed from 0.1% buffer A (60% ACN, 40% high performance liquid chromatography-grade water (v/v), and 0.1% FA 10mM ammonium formate) and buffer B (0.1% FA in 80% ACN, v/v). This consisted of a linear gradient of 96% Buffer A to 4% Buffer B to 100% Buffer B over 60 min. 100% Buffer B was maintained for 5 min, before dropping back to 4% Buffer B in 96% Buffer A over 5 minutes. The eluted peptides were ionized for detection by the Orbitrap Fusion™ Lumos™ Tribrid Mass Spectrometer (Lumos) by electron spray ionization with a silica tip emitter and the instrument's conditions set to 2.5 kV voltage and transfer tube temperature of 275 °C. Ions with m/z range between 200 - 2000 m/z were analyzed during the 85-min acquisition time using Fourier transform mass spectrometry (FTMS) in the Orbitrap, with data-dependent MS/MS on the top 6 intensity ions dynamically selected for collision-induced dissociation (CID) fragmentation and detection in the LTQ. The dynamic exclusion settings used were as follows: repeat count 2, repeat duration 30 s; exclusion list size 500; exclusion duration 90 s. A full scan (50 ms maximum injection time) in the FTMS at a resolution of 30,000 identified the 6 highest abundance ions and selected them for CID (1.5 isolation width, normalized collision energy 35%, activation Q 0.25, activation time 30 ms) in the LTQ after accumulation of 500,000 ions with 10 ms maximum injection time was used as MS2 isolation option. Between sample runs was a wash of a gradient from 2% Buffer B to 98% Buffer B across 30 min. Mass spectra were analyzed with both Sequest HT and Mascot search methods using Proteome Discoverer software v2.4 (ThermoFisher) against the entire SwissProt human proteome database (TAXID-9606, v2019). Parameters were set to a maximum of 2 missed cleavages with peptide lengths ranging from 5 to 144 amino acids selected. A precursor mass tolerance of 10 ppm and fragment mass tolerance of 0.8 Da with fixed cysteine carbamidomethylation modification.

### 3.2.10 Lipid contamination removal (ethyl acetate wash)

The wash followed the protocol that was used for period detergent removal from processed peptides samples<sup>512</sup>. First, water-saturated ethyl acetate was prepared by mixing 10 mL of Milli-Q (Millipore) water and 80 mL of ethyl acetate in a 125-mL glass bottle. The bottle was capped with its glass stopper and vigorously shaken for 1 min at RT breaking the water

into small droplets. The bottle was then set to rest for 5 min. The shake-rest cycle was repeated 3 times. The solution containing peptides were transferred to a glass vial. All following procedures were performed using a glass vial to avoid PEG contamination while using organic solvents. Then, 1 mL of water-saturated ethyl acetate mixture was added to the peptide solution, the cap was closed, and the contents vortexed vigorously on a shaker for 1 min at RT. The sample then was centrifuged for 15 sec at 12,000×g to separate the ethyl acetate phase from the aqueous phase. After organic phase separation, the upper level of ethyl acetate was carefully aspirated by using a glass Pasteur pipette. A small quantity of organic phase was left to prevent the loss from the aqueous peptide-containing phase. This cycle was repeated 3 times. After the final round of the cycle, the remaining small amount of organic phase was removed by placing the sample in a SpeedVac (Labconco CentriVap Concentrator, 78100-00) attached to the CentriVap Ultra-low cold Trap (Labconco, model 7811021; with specification -50 °C and 99.3% sample recovery) for 5 min at RT.

### 3.2.11 Exosomes characterization by western blotting

Cell- and breath-derived exosomes were assayed using western blotting to validate proposed biomarkers established after mass spectrometry analysis. Isolation of exosomes was performed as previously described in 2.4.3. Negative control samples free of exosomes were also assayed. Samples were suspended in lysis buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 150 mM NaCl, 1% NP-40) and subjected to two rounds of vigorous vortexing (10 s) and cooling on ice (20-30 min). Samples were finally centrifuged at 15,000×g for 10 min. The pellets were discarded, and the protein concentration of the supernatant was determined using a micro-BCA assay (Pierce BCA Protein Assay Kit) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Samples containing approximately 20 µg of protein were loaded on a 10% acrylamide gel, and proteins separated by electrophoresis. The western blot was performed according to the protocol described by Lim<sup>462</sup> with minor amendments: 5% BSA was used as a blocking agent and samples were heated for 15 min at 65 °C; the membrane was probed with several primary (monoclonal and polyclonal) antibodies as follows: primary monoclonal – Alix (1A12; Santa Cruz, ref. sc-53540) at 1:800; anti-CD63 (TS63; Invitrogen, ref. 10628D) at 1:1000 dilution; anti-CD81 (M38; Invitrogen, ref. 10630D) at 1:1000 dilution, and secondary mouse IgG kappa binding protein (m-IgGk BPP) conjugated to Horseradish Peroxidase (HRP) (Santa Cruz, ref. sc-516102) at 1:3000 dilution. Primary polyclonal unconjugated antibodies (all rabbit/IgG), all from Invitrogen: RhoC (ref. PA5-77866) at 1:300 dilution; MYOF (ref. PA5-53134) at

1:300 dilution; SLC2A8 (ref. AP5-42463) at 1:1000 dilution; CD151 (ref. PA5-78960) at 1:1000 dilution, and secondary goat anti-rabbit IgG conjugated to HRP (Santa Cruz, ref. sc-2004) at 1:3000 dilution. All exosome (cell- and breath-derived) and whole breath samples were loaded on a 10% acrylamide gel as pure purified proteins at concentration 100 ng in total volume of 10 µL, while whole proteome samples were loaded as lysate at 20 µg in a total of 20 µL. The membrane was visualized on a ChemiDoc Amersham Imager 600 (General Electric).

### 3.2.12 Breath samples collection from volunteers

Collection of breath samples was conducted through a study that has been approved by VUW human ethics committee (application #28700: Determining disease biomarkers in breath-derived exosomes for new diagnostic tools; approved September 9, 2020). The national Health and Disability Ethics Committee defined the project as being out of scope for their review. Both documents can be found in Appendix.

Fifty-five participants (30 males and 25 females), who were non-smokers and free from known lung disorders or severe breathing disorders, participated in the study. Each participant was breathing into a tube for a maximum of 30 minutes, producing on average 1.5-2 mL of EBC. A total of 60 samples was collected, as five participants (four males and one female) donated breath twice and contributed to two samples. These 60 individual samples were divided into three equal groups, with samples pooled ( $V_{\text{total}}$  typically 34 mL) three days after collection. The third sample was collected from volunteers that did not participate in either of samples one or two.

Given the situation related to COVID-19 at the time, we ensured that participants were not at-risk during sample collection. Before collecting the sample, the consent form was given to familiarize participants with procedure and steps. A standard operating procedure description was kept in the lab where principal investigator conducted the research. Each participant was given a sterile tube assembly (see attached picture showing the assembly), which was wrapped with an ice pack to keep it cool (Fig. 25).

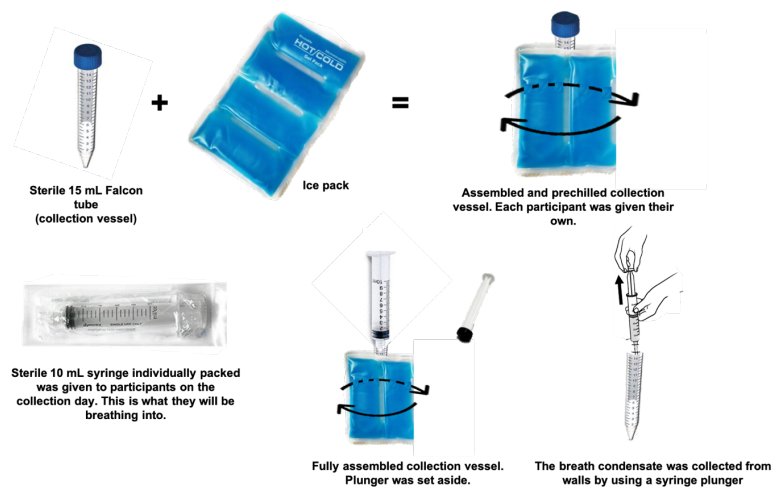


Figure 25. Collection vessel assembly for exhaled breath condensate.

Sample collection required each participant to blow into a tube used to collect the condensate through a cooled collection vessel. The diameter of the tube allowed participants to breathe normally, although there is a small risk of developing dizziness. The list of participants was kept separately. The time, date, volume, and a label 'Exhaled Breath Condensate' of collected sample was written on the same collection vessel that a participant used during the study. Once a sample had been collected, it was stored at 4 °C and pooled with other samples approximately every 3 days. Combined samples were transferred into a new tube and re-labeled with the new date and volume only. This procedure continued until a minimum of 20 samples had been collected. After combining samples, the original tubes were discarded.

### 3.2.13 Statistical analysis

Analyses were performed using Prism GraphPad scientific 2D graphing and statistical software, version 9.1.1 (223) for macOS, April 16, 2021, San Diego, California. Regression analysis was used to fit a straight-line model for the Rapid Gold BCA protein assay standard curve.

Area-proportional Venn diagrams were generated using BioVenn<sup>513</sup> for the comparison and visualization of identified proteins in all samples used in this study.

STRING (v11.5)<sup>514</sup> was used to visualize major protein complexes identified in the core of the breath exosome proteome. The network of identified proteins was constructed with minimum required interaction score with a high confidence threshold (STRING confidence score >0.7). The confidence score is the approximate probability computed by combining probabilities from the different evidence channels and corrected for the probability of randomly observing an interaction that a predicted link exists between two enzymes in the same metabolic map in the KEGG database. Disconnected nodes from the network were removed.

GO enrichment analysis was performed using Shiny GO v0.61<sup>515</sup> and g:Profiler (version e104\_eg51\_p15\_3922dba)<sup>516</sup>. Shiny GO v0.61 is based on a large annotation database derived from Ensembl and STRING that allows graphical visualization of enrichment analysis and gene characteristics along with an ability to retrieve information of protein network and KEGG pathways. g:Profiler was used to perform gene ontology enrichment analysis based on statistical significance ( $p$ -value <0.05).

## 3.3 RESULTS

### 3.3.1 Optimization of analytical methods

Developing standardized procedures for isolating high-quality and purity of intact breath exosomes was essential for identification of biomarkers. Previous research methods were adapted and optimized for this study. Remaining issues and limitations of the research were noted.

The methodology was developed using cell-derived exosomes, providing reproducible access to a ready supply of exosomes for method optimisation. The most difficult part in this project was collecting sufficient exosome protein for proteomic characterization. It was important to maximize the yield of exosomes so that a sufficient amount of protein can be extracted for mass spectrometry analysis. Due to the low abundance of protein in exosomes in sample sizes used in the earlier characterisation work described in Chapter 2, it was obvious that it was necessary to adapt the previous isolation approach to collect a larger amount of exosomes. This was achieved by combining several samples together and using concentrators to reduce the volume of the starting material (CCM or EBC) and simultaneously to pellet different possible non-exosome protein aggregates from the exosomes. Initially, samples for proteomic analysis were isolated by SEC. However, when mass spectra were collected from several runs, it was not possible to analyze samples, as the amount of protein was so low that



no well-define peaks were present on a chromatogram. SEC-isolated exosomes provided only half of the amount of protein obtained from UC-isolated exosomes. Based on results from Chapter 2 and the fact that optimization of UC method led to better purity, the UC isolation method was chosen as it most readily provided the required increase in the volume of the starting material (CCM and EBC). However, choosing an appropriate method for exosome isolation that results in higher yield was only the part of the problem. Protein loss was identified as the main challenge that needed to be overcome. It seemed that protein and peptide adsorption onto surfaces such as tubes and tips in the experiment occurred during the sample preparation leading to low recovery of proteins during sample preparation. Several solutions were evaluated that could prevent non-specific sample adsorption. For example, during the first step of protein extraction, several lysis buffers containing components such as 8 M urea, 6 M urea +2 M thiourea, and NP-40 were compared to determine highest product outcome after protein isolation, with the 8 M urea lysis buffer being the most effective. The concentrations of proteins in the samples were 0.868, 2.439, 0.535 mg/mL. During this step, it was found that the BCA assay is not practical for determination of protein concentration. Determination of protein concentration using the Lowry assay was also rejected due to lack of sensitivity for these low abundance samples. Finally, the Rapid Gold BCA assay was chosen as the most compatible with all chosen buffers, whilst offering the required sensitivity.

At the next step, protein precipitation and solubilization of proteins, several protein precipitating reagents were tried, such as methanol and chloroform, or acetone. The greater protein recovery was achieved with the acetone precipitation method, with a total peptide quantification 934 ng vs 498 ng for an equivalent sample using methanol and chloroform. To investigate whether the organic solvent plays a difference in adsorption, simultaneous testing of different vials (regular Eppendorf tubes vs LoBind tubes vs glass vials) was conducted. While the application of detergents/organic solvents is required for the extraction of hydrophobic proteins and necessary to maintain proteins solubility in solution after their precipitation, organic solvents in the peptide sample can suppress the ionization signal and so must be removed prior to LC-MS/MS analysis. In this study, water-saturated ethyl-acetate wash applied immediately after digestion of proteins to remove lipid contamination. As shown later in the results section, this washing step played a positive role by increasing peptide signal intensity. It has also resulted in the excellent reproducibility of signal intensities for all samples.

Although preference was given to traditional in-solution tryptic digestion, an attempt to try an alternative method of protein digestion was made. The decision was based on the hypothesis that low quantity of proteins might be caused by hydrophobic membrane proteins

that are difficult to re-dissolve after acetone precipitation. The gel-tube method described in 3.2.5 is a novel approach aimed to enhance analysis of complex membrane proteins, was proposed as an alternative approach. This method skipped the precipitation step and suggested higher quantity of proteins after elution.

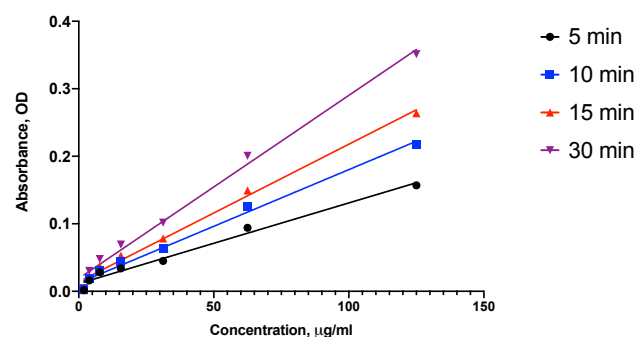
To achieve reliable quantitative LC-MS/MS measurements, the injection volume for each sample was determined individually. The injection volume was selected based on the peptide concentration to prevent overloading the column, avoid broadening the peaks, and produce high-performance separation. To ensure that carryover was reduced during the mass spectrometry runs, different combinations of washing/flushing steps for the injection path were tested to remove residuals from previous samples and autosampler components.

### *3.3.2 Evaluation of peptide recovery after traditional in-solution digestion and gel-tube methods on cell-derived exosomes*

To prepare a proteomic sample, the most common method, digestion in-solution was used. This method includes several steps of protein processing once they were harvested from an exosome sample: denaturation, reduction, alkylation, and digestion.

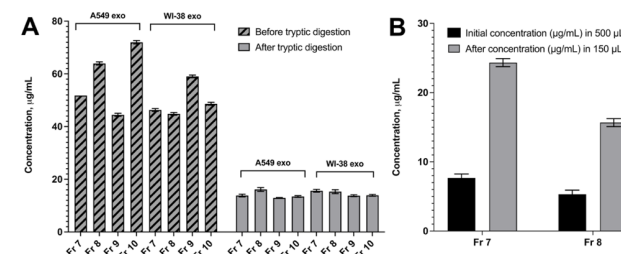
After collection of exosome samples and validation of their presence and morphology as previously described in Chapter 2, proteins were precipitated and quantified. Due to the low abundance of proteins in exosomes, a suitable assay with the high sensitivity for protein quantification was required. Several protein quantification assays were tested (BCA, Rapid Gold BCA, and Lowry assays). Protein quantification from each sample was completed by highly sensitive and selective colorimetric detection of the cuprous cation ( $\text{Cu}^{1+}$ ) by Rapid Gold bicinchoninic acid assay (Rapid Gold BCA) and Pierce Quantitative Fluorometric Peptide Assay (both ThermoFisher Scientific) quantification kit after the purification step to ensure that digestion was successful. The rapid Gold BCA assay was also optimized for protein quantification by conducting time-course experiments with 5-, 10-, 15-, and 30-minutes intervals, taking measurements after initial 5 minute. Standard curves for all data intervals were graphed and linear regression analysis was used. The smallest Sum of Squares (SS) equal to 1.282 was determined for the 10-min interval, while values for 5-, 15-, and 30-min intervals were larger (2.000, 1.942, and 1.366 respectively). A value closer to zero indicates the smaller random error component suggesting that this fit will be more suitable. The coefficient of determination ( $r^2$ ) values of different time intervals were also examined to establish which time interval result in the data showing the closest fit to the regression line. The 10-min interval had

the highest  $r^2$  value (0.997), while the 5-, 15-, and 30-min values were 0.987, 0.972, and 0.950 respectively. Based on these results, the 10-min interval was selected for measurement, and it was advantageous as it gave a useable amount of signal for a short experimental time (Fig. 26).



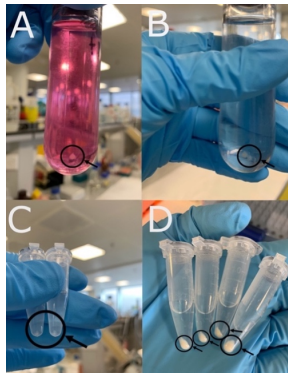
**Figure 26. Optimization of standard curve for Rapid Gold BCA Protein assay kit.** The Y-axis shows the absorbance, and X-axis corresponds to the protein concentration (µg/mL). The figure was generated by using Prism GraphPad Software (version 9.1.1) for macOS, San Diego, California.

The deciding factor for successful proteomic analysis was the quantity of proteins after peptide digestion. Before moving on to the experimental part with breath-derived exosomes, the attempt to increase the number of proteins recovery after their isolation and peptide digestion was first tested on cell-derived exosomes. First, fractionated exosomes were collected as described in 2.4.4, and the proteins were quantified. During protein precipitation, new challenges were discovered. Unexpected loss of over 50% of proteins between the initial protein quantification and final peptide quantification occurred. This most likely occurred at the final step after tryptic digestion and purification using C18 reverse phase tips of peptide mixture (Fig. 27 A).



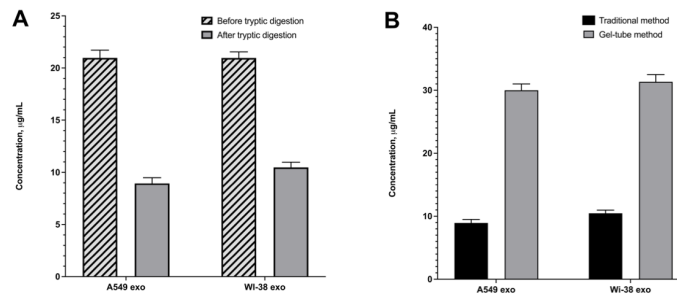
**Figure 27. Protein quantification on purified proteins from SEC-based isolated cell-derived exosomes.** The graphs showing (A) protein quantification on purified proteins from cell (A549 and WI-38)-derived exosomes before and after tryptic digestion for individual fractions 7-10 and (B) difference in protein quantification before and after sample concentration showing on A549 cell-derived exosomes. The Y-axis corresponds to the protein concentration (µg/mL). The bar graph was constructed by plotting the mean of three biological replicates performed in three technical replicates and repeated three times. Error bars represent the standard deviation. The figure was generated by using Prism GraphPad Software (version 9.1.1) for macOS, San Diego, California.

The peptide quantification after tryptic digestion varied from 13 to 15 µg/mL that is almost 3-4 times less than the initial concentration of purified proteins. Although combining several individual fractions and concentrating the volume of digested proteins after elution noticeably increased the final concentration of protein in the sample (Fig. 27 B) that still was not sufficient to perform a high-quality mass-spectrometry analysis to identify proteins. To provide further sample, the number of cells was increased toward the more concentrated CCM enriched in exosomes (Appendix, Table S 1) and proteins from the exosomes were combined. Based on protein quantification data it was determined that at least  $3.4 \times 10^7$  cells were needed to obtain sufficient protein for mass spectrometric analysis, providing in excess of 100 mL of CCM. The increased volume of CCM from 34 mL to over 100 mL forced to a change of isolation method from SEC to UC, as UC is more convenient to operate with larger volumes. From this point, all exosomes were isolated by UC method as described in 2.4.3 (Fig. 28).



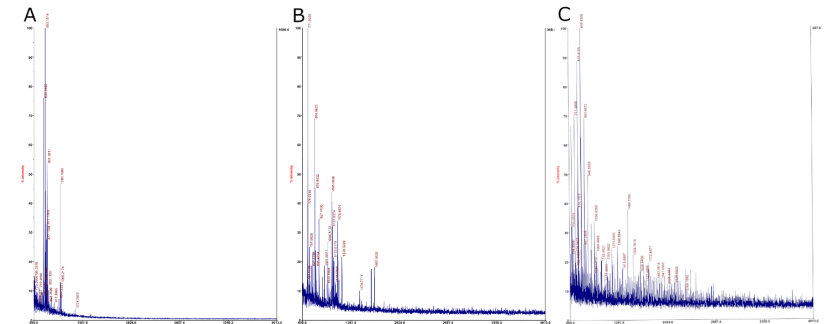
**Figure 28.** Cell (WI-38)-derived exosomes and their cellular content isolated by UC method. On the figure: cell-derived exosome pellets after (A) 1<sup>st</sup> round of UC isolation and (B) 2<sup>nd</sup> round of UC; (C) lysed cell-derived exosomes with 8 M urea; (D) acetone-precipitated exosome protein.

After finalizing the preferred method for exosome isolations, the proteins extracted from exosomes isolated by UC were quantified. As discussed in 3.3.1, an alternative method of protein digestion, the gel-tube method described in 3.2.5, was applied. Unexpectedly, the peptide quantification after protein digestion by the gel-tube method suggested a higher quantity of proteins was present after elution than was introduced to the gel-tube (Fig. 29).



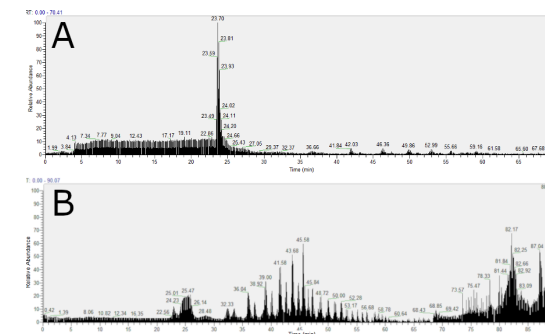
**Figure 29.** Protein quantification on purified proteins from UC-based isolated cell-derived exosomes. The graphs are showing protein quantification on purified proteins from cell (A549 and WI-38)-derived exosomes isolated by UC before and after tryptic digestion by (A) traditional in-solution digestion and (B) difference in protein quantification after tryptic digestion and gel-tube digestion. The Y-axis corresponds to the protein concentration (µg/mL). The bar graphs was constructed by plotting the mean of three biological replicates performed in three technical replicates and repeated three times. Error bars represent the standard deviation. The figure was generated by using Prism GraphPad Software (version 9.1.1) for macOS, San Diego, California.

Based on the results reported in Figure 29, the final quantity of proteins after digestion by the gel-tube method was three times higher than proteins digested by traditional method. Further investigation of both methods by MALDI confirmed that more peaks in a mass range corresponding to peptide masses were observed after the gel-tube digestion method than after traditional digestion in-solution method (Fig. 30).



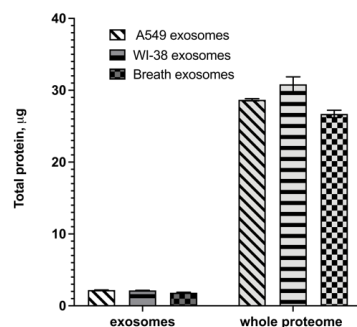
**Figure 30.** MALDI-TOF spectra of cell-derived exosomes. The figure is a representative of results of protein masses after purification with traditional method (in-solution digestion) for (A) WI-38 cell-derived exosomes and gel-tube method for cell-derived exosomes (B) WI-38 and (C) A549. The Y-axis corresponds to the signal intensity and the X-axis corresponds to mass (m/z).

Surprisingly, after conducting LC-MS/MS analysis, no proteins could be identified from the samples processed by the gel-tube method. This suggested that substantial work would be required to optimize gel-tube digestion, or that it is not applicable for this type of biological sample (Fig. 31).



**Figure 31.** LC-MS/MS chromatogram of cell (A549)-derived exosomes digested by two different methods. The figure is showing LC-MS/MS chromatogram of A549 cell-derived exosomes (A) digested by gel-tube and (B) digested in-solution, where Y-axis corresponds to relative abundance of the detected ions, and X-axis corresponds to time.

Ultimately, it was decided to follow the standard, in-solution digestion, method with highly concentrated protein samples. Based on the reported protein quantity data from cell-derived exosomes, it was concluded that it is safe to apply the same approach on breath-derived exosomes. Peptide quantification was undertaken after digestion for all samples including exosomes and whole proteomes (Fig. 32).

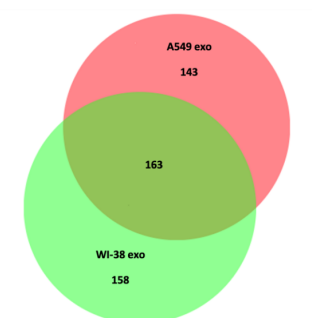


**Figure 32. Total protein concentration in the sample after digestion.** Total protein (µg) after protein digestion for all exosome samples (cell- and breath-derived), whole proteome of A549 and WI-38 cell lines, and whole breath. The Y-axis shows the total protein (µg). The error bars represent the standard deviation of the biological replicates (n=3). The figure was generated by using Prism GraphPad Software (version 9.1.1) for macOS, San Diego, California.

For the mass spectrometric analysis, three biological samples were prepared for each exosome and whole proteome sample. Each sample was run in 2 technical replicates and then analyzed by using Proteome Discoverer software v2.4 (ThermoFisher) where the data was searched against the entire SwissProt human protein database (TAXID=9606, v2019). The full list of proteins identified in each cell-derived exosome sample and whole proteome can be found in the Appendix (Tables S2-S5). The proteins identified as present from A549 and control WI-38 cell-derived exosomes were compared, as shown in Table 5 and Figure 33 generated by using BioVenn software<sup>513</sup>.

**Table 5. Statistical data of proteins identified in cell-derived exosomes.** The number of proteins identified in exosome samples from A549 and WI-38 cells showing total, unique, and overlapped proteins across two samples. Each group consisted of three biological replicate samples run in technical duplicates.

Sample	Total proteins identified	Unique proteins	Total overlap proteins
A549	306	143 (30.82%)	163 (35.13%)
WI-38	321	158 (34.05)	



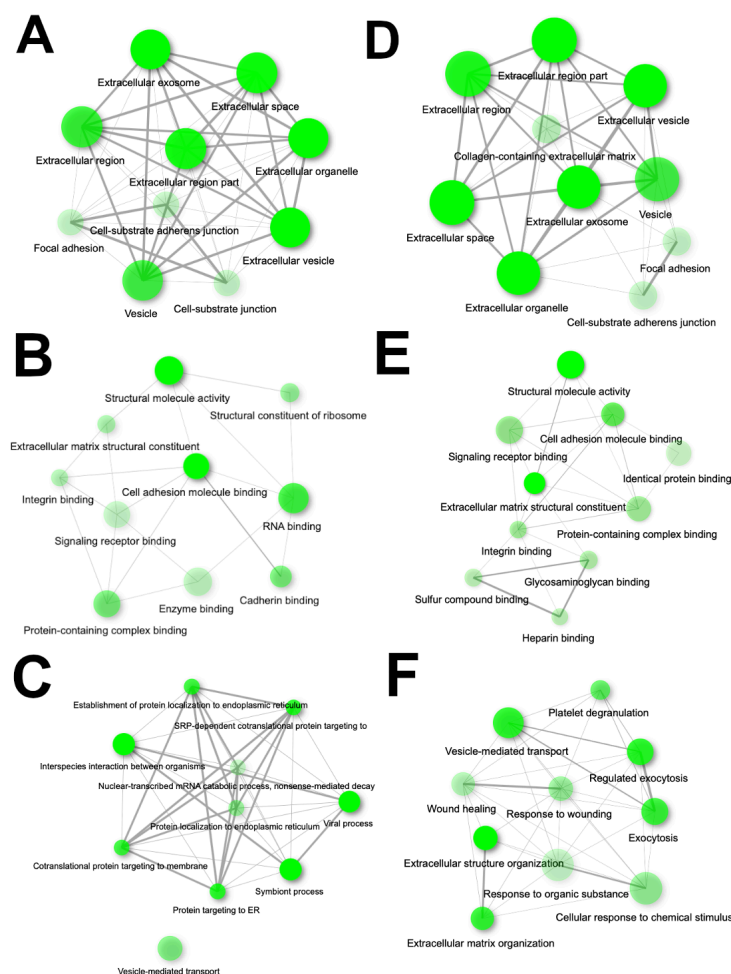
**Figure 33. Area-proportional Venn diagram for proteins identified in cell-derived exosomes.** Comparison diagram of proteins identified in lung cancer (A549) and healthy lung tissue (WI-38) cell-derived exosomes. Each group consisted of three biological replicate samples run in duplicate. Generated by using BioVenn software.

The number of identified proteins in each group was very similar, as might be expected given samples contained equivalent protein abundances, starting from the equivalent cell counts and amount of CCM, as well as peptide abundance loaded onto the mass spectrometer. More than half of the proteins in each sample were in common between exosomes isolated from the two different cell sources.

Gene ontology (GO) functional enrichment analysis was applied to proteins that were found in triplicate for exosome samples from each cell line (Table 6, Fig. 34). The bioinformatics analysis undertaken using ShinyGO v.0.61 software<sup>515</sup>.

**Table 6. Enrichment analysis of proteins identified in cell-derived exosomes.** The table shows analysis of proteins identified in A549 and WI-38 cell-derived exosomes based on hypergeometric distribution followed by FDR correction showing top three cellular components, molecular functions, and biological process.

Cellular components			
A549	P <sub>adj</sub>	WI-38	P <sub>adj</sub>
Extracellular exosome	4.50E-168	Extracellular exosome	7.71E-206
Extracellular vesicle	1.69E-165	Extracellular vesicle	5.30E-203
Extracellular organelle	2.10E-165	Extracellular organelle	7.13E-203
Molecular function			
Cell adhesion molecule binding	1.23E-44	Structural molecule activity	2.59E-42
Structural molecule activity	5.18E-39	Extracellular matrix structural constituent	1.01E-41
Protein-containing complex binding	3.70E-26	Cell adhesion molecule binding	1.37E-35
Biological process			
Establishment of localization	9.78E-30	Regulated exocytosis	1.04E-36
Transport	4.97E-29	Exocytosis	7.40E-35
Establishment of localization in cell	1.66E-27	Extracellular matrix organization	1.13E-32



**Figure 34. Enrichment analysis of proteins identified in cell-derived exosomes.** The figure is showing expression differences that are consistent across sets of genes identified in (A, B, and C) A549 and (D, E, and F) WI-38 cell-derived exosomes based on hypergeometric distribution followed by FDR correction showing (A, D) cellular components, (B, E) molecular functions (MF), and (C, F) biological process (BP);  $p$ -value cut-off (FDR, Benjamini and Hochberg<sup>317</sup>) = 0.05. Two nodes are connected if they share at least 20% or more genes. Less transparent nodes are more significantly enriched gene sets. Bigger nodes represent larger gene sets. Thicker edges represent more overlapped genes.

Notably, the three most significant terms in cellular components for both study groups are the same and following the same order: extracellular organelle, extracellular vesicles, and extracellular exosomes, which confirms that analysis was indeed conducted on exosomes and not any other subtypes of EVs. The molecular function ontologies associated with the two cell lines were similar in components but with different relative enrichments for structural molecule activity and cell adhesion molecule binding. As expected, the biological function ontologies were completely different, which can be explained by the nature of the two cell lines. While the vesicle-mediated transport BP ontology was strongly enriched with the lung cancer mimicking A549 cells, terms related to extracellular structure organization were most enriched for exosomes isolated from WI-38 cells, mimicking normal lung tissue. The full list of GO analysis for both cell-derived exosomes undertaken using g:Profiler software<sup>516</sup> can be found in Appendix, Tables S 6 and S 7.

### 3.3.3 Selection of lung cancer biomarkers

The search for potential biomarkers for lung cancer began with the 143 proteins that were unique to exosomes from A549 cells. Briefly, proteins that were found at least three times were selected as main candidates and proteins found at least twice were also selected. Then, selection of candidates was continuing based on the sum of Posterior Error Probability (PEP) score for each protein in each replicate. Based on PEP score, the raw list of proteins was narrowed down from 143 proteins to 22 proteins (Appendix, Table S 8) that were found twice and only 11 unique proteins that were found at least three times in A549 cell-derived exosomes but were not in any WI-38 cell-derived exosomes. After validation of exosomes through the functional GO enrichment analysis, the identified proteins from A549 cell-derived exosomes were checked to identify whether they had been previously identified as cancer markers in literature. The preliminary list of nine potential biomarkers was further refined based on the antibody availability and on the strength of literature evidence to support application as a prognostic marker, ideally in lung cancer, and likely abundance in exosome samples (Table 7). The availability of antibodies against the potential biomarker was also considered, as these will be required for the FRET-based assay design that is described in Chapter 4.

**Table 7. Preliminary list of biomarker candidates.** The list of biomarker candidates based on the number of replicates each were found in A549 cell-derived exosome (from a total of 3 experimental replicates), sum of PEP score, and types of cancer in which the protein has been previously identified.

Protein accession number	Description	Gene code	# of replicates	Sum of PEP score	Cancers in which the protein has been previously identified.
<b>Q9NZM1</b>	Myoferlin	MYOF	3	38.13	Bladder, colorectal, ovarian, prostate
<b>P11021</b>	78 kDa glucose-regulated protein	HSPA5	3	39.4	Bladder, breast, colorectal, liver, ovarian, prostate
<b>P02774</b>	vitamin D-binding protein	GC	3	32.11	Colorectal, prostate
<b>P01116</b>	GTPase KRAS	KRAS	3	1.9	Colon, breast, liver, bladder, <b>lung</b>
<b>P48509</b>	CD151 antigen	CD151	3	1.678	Prostate, breast, colon, <b>NSLC</b> , pancreatic
<b>P15151-1</b>	Poliovirus receptor	PVR	3	1.97	Colorectal, breast, prostate, <b>lung</b> , liver
<b>P11166</b>	Solute carrier family 2, facilitated glucose transporter member 1	SLC2A1/ GLUT	3	5.35	Colorectal, breast, prostate, <b>lung</b> , liver
<b>P08134</b>	Rho-related GTP-binding protein RhoC	RHOC	3	5.5	Colorectal, breast, prostate, <b>lung</b> , liver
<b>P60953</b>	Cell division control protein 42 homolog	CDC42	3	5.864	Colorectal, breast, prostate, <b>lung</b> , liver

From this, four candidate protein-biomarkers were prioritized: CD151 antigen (CD151), solute carrier family 2-facilitated glucose transporter member 1 (SLC2A1, also known as GLUT), myoferlin (MYOF), and Rho-related GTP-binding protein RhoC (RhoC) (Table 8).

**Table 8. Literature review of selected biomarkers identified in A549 cells and their association with cancer origin.**

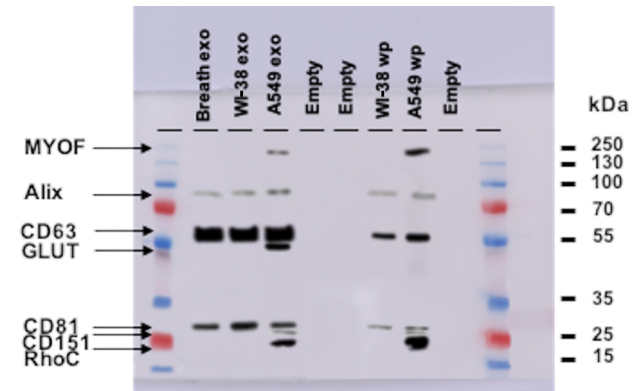
Gene code	Cancer origin	Gene code	Cancer origin
<b>CD151</b>	Colorectal <sup>518</sup>	<b>MYOF</b>	Breast <sup>519, 520</sup>
	Liver <sup>521, 522</sup>		Colon <sup>523</sup>
	Lung <sup>524</sup>		Lung <sup>525, 526</sup>
	Melanoma <sup>527</sup>		Pancreatic <sup>528</sup>
	Ovarian <sup>529</sup>	<b>RhoC</b>	Bladder <sup>530</sup>
	Pancreatic <sup>531</sup>		Breast <sup>532-536</sup>
	Prostate <sup>537</sup>		Gastric <sup>538, 539</sup>
<b>SLC2A1 (GLUT)</b>	Breast <sup>540</sup>		Liver <sup>541</sup>
	Colon <sup>542</sup>		Lung <sup>543, 544</sup>
	Gastric <sup>545, 546</sup>		Ovarian <sup>547</sup>
	Lung <sup>548-552</sup>		Pancreatic <sup>553</sup>
			Renal <sup>554</sup>

CD151 enhances the motility, invasion and metastasis of cancer cells<sup>484</sup>. GLUT is responsible for increased cellular glucose uptake and increased aerobic glycolysis in recipient tumor cells. MYOF plays a role in the plasmalemma repair mechanism of endothelial cells that permits rapid resealing of membranes disrupted by mechanical stress and is involved in endocytic recycling. Finally, RhoC regulates a signal transduction pathway linking plasma

membrane receptors to the assembly of focal adhesions and actin stress fibers and serves as a microtubule-dependent signal that is required for the myosin contractile ring formation during cell cycle cytokinesis.

Some proteins (CDC42, KRAS, and PVR) in Table 8 had a higher score than the chosen biomarker candidates but were not selected for the final round of candidates. All three proteins are generally considered for cancer therapy rather than diagnostics. For example, CDC42 is most often mutated in cancer and could be overexpressed via signalling through oncogenic receptor and so not considered as a diagnostic marker<sup>555</sup>. KRAS is also considered as mutated oncogene and rather highlights as high-priority therapeutic target<sup>556, 557</sup>. Finally, although RVP is highly expressed in several types of cancer including lung cancer, but it is more common to find it in ovarian and colorectal cancer. In addition, PVR is gaining more scientific interest as therapeutic target<sup>558</sup>. That being said, these proteins can be considered as a back-up option to the selected biomarkers and could be considered alongside the four selected biomarkers in future clinical studies involving lung cancer patients.

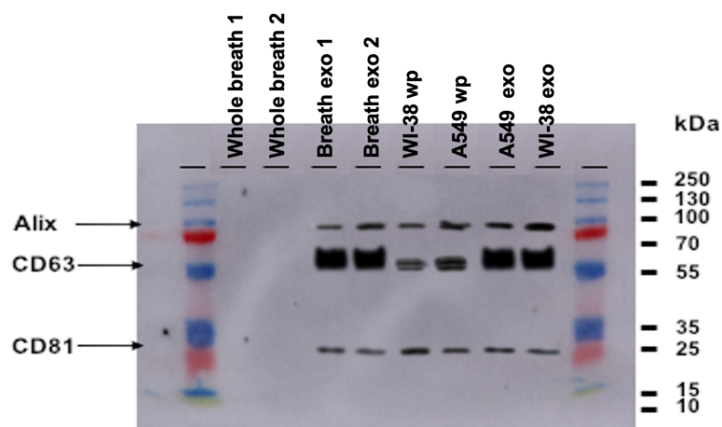
These proposed biomarkers were validated through western blotting. The selectivity of each marker between exosomes from A549 and WI-38 cells was analyzed individually in triplicate (Appendix, Figs. S 1- S 10), as well as through a combined cocktail of markers (Fig. 35).



**Figure 35. Validation of proposed biomarkers CD151, GLUT, MYOF, and RhoC.** Western blot showing CD151, GLUT, MYOF, and RhoC blotting on A549 exosome lysate and cell (whole proteome) lysate. Note, that markers are only shown in cancer cell-derived exosomes and cancer cell model lysates and absent in WI-38 cell- and breath-derived exosomes. Western blotting of general tetraspanin EV markers (Alix, CD63, and CD81) are also shown.



According to the western blot results, the proposed lung cancer protein biomarkers were only identified in A549 cell-derived exosomes and its whole proteome, which was expected. WI-38 cell-derived exosomes, WI-38 whole proteome, and breath-derived exosomes, playing the role of controls, did not show any of the proposed lung cancer markers, verifying that proposed biomarkers are able to distinguish between cancer and healthy lung exosomes. As exosomes are time consuming to isolate, it was useful to know whether markers on exosomes could be identified from within whole breath condensate. Therefore, exosome samples, including those derived from a sample of human breath, were compared to whole breath using general tetraspanin EV markers (Fig. 36).



**Figure 36. Validation of exosomes by western blotting.** The cell (A549, WI-38)- and breath-derived exosomes were validated using general tetraspanin EV markers (Alix, CD63, and CD81) in comparison to whole breath and cellular (WI-38/A549) whole proteome.

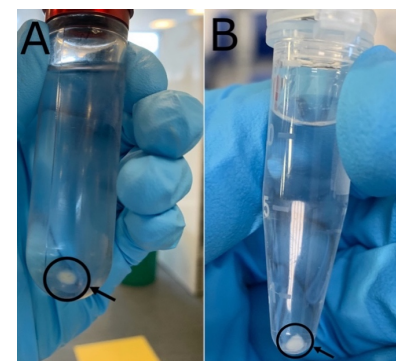
Disappointingly, the general tetraspanin EV markers (Alix, CD63, and CD81) could not be identified in whole breath, although they were apparent in all purified exosome samples. This may indicate that it will be necessary to go through at least a step of exosome enrichment as part of any future exosome biomarker-based diagnostic device.

### 3.3.4 Characterization of cellular whole proteome

The whole proteome from the A549 and WI-38 cells was also compared. The analysis reported that 646 proteins were identified as common proteins across case and control study. The unique proteins identified in WI-38 whole proteome will be later compared with proteins identified in whole breath of volunteers participated in the determination of benchmark breath proteome. The full list of proteins can be seen in Appendix, Tables S 4 and S 5.

### 3.3.5 Characterization of breath-derived exosomes (preliminary studies)

After collection of exhaled breath condensate, breath-derived exosomes were isolated as described in 2.4.3 (Fig. 37).

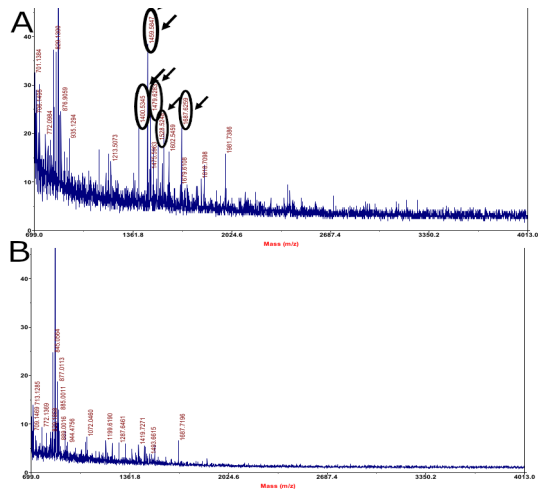


**Figure 37. Characterization of breath-derived exosomes.** On the figure: (A) washed pelleted breath-derived exosomes by UC method and (B) acetone precipitated proteins from the same sample.

Based on the optimized protocol for increasing protein concentration after digestion, samples ( $\times 20$ ) were pooled together in one. Three biological replicate samples were prepared to go through identification analysis. A 1  $\mu$ l aliquot from each digested protein sample was combined with 1  $\mu$ l of  $\alpha$ -cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid matrix and air-dried prior to analysis by MALDI-TOF-MS described in 3.2.6. Then samples were subjected to MS analysis, after which it has been noted that the chromatogram from some samples had high signal intensity at longer retention times. It was presumed that this arose from lipid contamination. It seemed that the lipid: protein content ratio was higher than in cell-derived exosomes. Samples (Fig. 38)



then were washed with ethyl acetate as described in 3.2.9 and were re-probed again by using MALDI-TOF-MS as described above.



**Figure 38.** MALDI-TOF spectra of breath-derived exosomes. The spectra are representative of sample (A) before and (B) after an ethyl acetate wash. Highlighted peaks circled before wash and disappeared after the wash. The Y-axis corresponds to the signal intensity and the X-axis corresponds to mass (m/z).

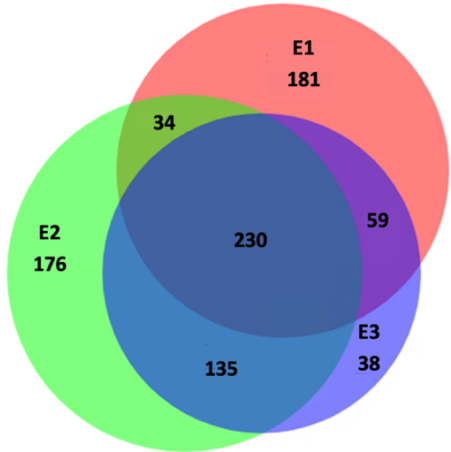
Based on the spectrum, large peaks that were previously noticed around 1600 m/z have noticeably decreased. Comparing the results of MALDI spectrum before (Fig. 38 A) and after (Fig. 38 B) it was clear that the contamination is much reduced by the ethyl acetate wash.

Breath-derived exosome samples named as E1, E2, and E3 and were subjected to MS analysis. Samples were run in two technical duplicates to make sure that the injection volume is sufficient for protein identification. The injection volumes were adjusted to deliver consistent peptide amounts to the mass spectrometric analysis (Appendix, Table S 9). Statistical data collected after analyzing samples through PD software is shown on Table 9.

**Table 9.** Statistical data of proteins identified in breath-derived exosomes. The number of proteins identified in exosome samples from the same individual showing total, unique, and overlapped proteins across three samples. Each group consisted of three biological replicate samples run in technical duplicates.

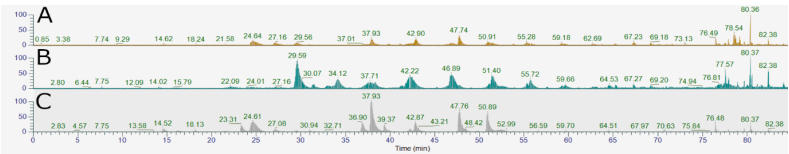
Sample	Total proteins identified	Unique proteins	Shared proteins	Overlap proteins across 3 samples
E1	504	181(21.22%)	34 (3.99%) (E1+E2)	230 (26.96%)
E2	575	176 (20.63%)	135(15.83%) (E2+E3)	
E3	462	38(4.45%)	59 (6.92%) (E1+E3)	

The similarities and differences between samples is shown by a Venn diagram in Figure 39, generated by using BioVenn software<sup>513</sup>.



**Figure 39.** Area-proportional Venn diagram for proteins identified in breath-derived exosome samples from the same individual. Comparison diagram of proteins identified in breath-derived exosomes from the same individual across 3 biological samples (E1, E2, and E3). Each biological replicate sample run in duplicate. Generated by using BioVenn software.

To support the fact that the number of total proteins identified in each sample was slightly different, the chromatogram from each sample was analyzed (Fig. 40). These differences between the samples from the same individual may relate to the fact that they were collected at different times.



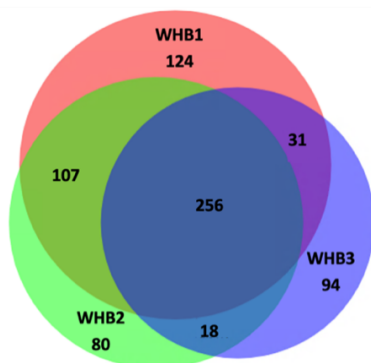
**Figure 40.**Chromatogram of breath-derived exosome samples. The chromatogram represents three biological samples: (A) E1, (B) E2, and (C) E3.

### 3.3.6 Characterization of whole breath (preliminary studies)

To define if there are any common proteins between EBC and breath exosomes, the whole breath proteome was also obtained as described in 3.2.2. The total number of proteins identified are summarized in Table 10 and Figure 41.

**Table 10. Statistical data of proteins identified in whole breath.** The number of proteins identified in whole breath samples from the same individual showing total, unique, and overlapped proteins across three samples. Each group consisted of three biological replicate samples run in technical duplicates.

Sample	Total proteins identified	Unique proteins	Shared proteins	Overlap proteins across 3 samples
WHB1	518	124 (17.46%)	107 (15.07%) (WHB1+WHB2)	256 (36.06%)
WHB2	461	80 (11.27%)	18 (2.54%) (WHB2+WHB3)	
WHB3	399	94 (13.24%)	31 (4.37%) (WHB1+WHB3)	



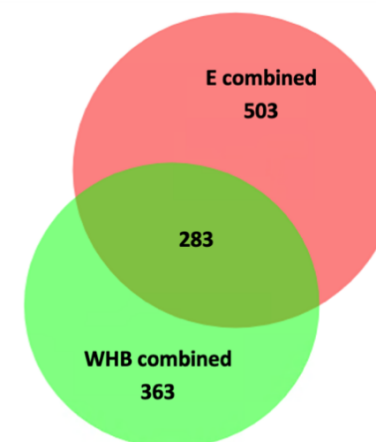
**Figure 41. Area-proportional Venn diagram for proteins identified in whole breath samples from the same individual.** Comparison diagram of proteins identified in whole breath from the same individual across 3 biological samples (WHB1, WHB2, and WHB3). Each biological replicate sample run in duplicate. Generated by using BioVenn software.

According to the data analysis, 709 proteins were identified at least once, and 410 proteins were identified at least twice.

Finally, a comparison was made between proteins found in breath exosomes and those found in the whole breath sample (Table 11, Fig. 42).

**Table 11. Statistical data of proteins identified in combined samples of breath-derived exosomes and combined samples of whole breath from the same individual.** The number of proteins identified in combined individual samples of breath-derived exosomes and whole breath samples from the same individual showing total, unique, and overlapped proteins across two samples. Each group consisted of three biological replicate samples run in technical duplicates.

Sample	Total proteins identified	Unique proteins	Total overlap proteins
E combined	786	503 (43.78%)	283 (24.63%)
WHB combined	646	363 (31.59%)	

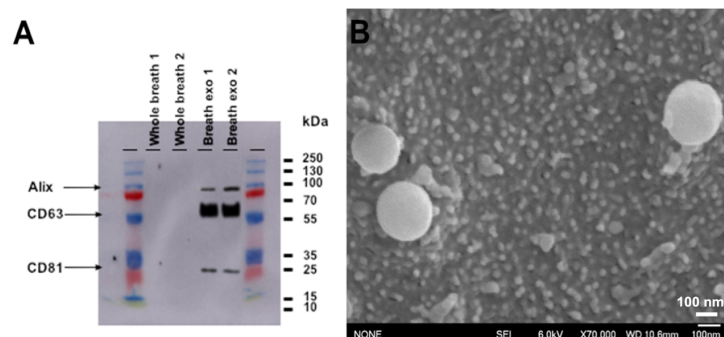


**Figure 42. Area-proportional Venn diagram for proteins identified in combined individual samples of breath-derived exosomes and whole breath samples from the same individual.** Comparison diagram of proteins identified in all combined samples of breath-derived exosomes (E combined) and whole breath (WHB combined) from the same individual. Each biological replicate sample run in duplicate. Generated by using BioVenn software.

This preliminary study of breath-derived exosomes and whole breath was conducted on samples collected from a single individual. It allowed methodology to be optimized ready for application on creating the benchmark proteome of breath exosomes from a healthy population. As the data represents only a single individual, a detailed analysis of the proteins identified was not undertaken. Results of the larger study on exosomes collected from the breath of healthy volunteers' study will be presented in next section.

### 3.3.7 Determination of the benchmark proteome of breath exosomes

Breath-derived exosomes from EBC were isolated by ultracentrifugation and assessed by western blotting with general tetraspanin EV markers (Fig. 43 A) and cryo- SEM (Fig. 43 B).



**Figure 43.** Characterization of breath-derived exosomes by western blot analysis and Cryo-SEM. The validation of breath-derived exosomes was confirmed by (A) western blotting using general tetraspanin EV markers-Alix, CD63, and CD81. (B) The size and morphology of exosomes were validated by cryo-SEM imaging. Scale bar 100 nm .

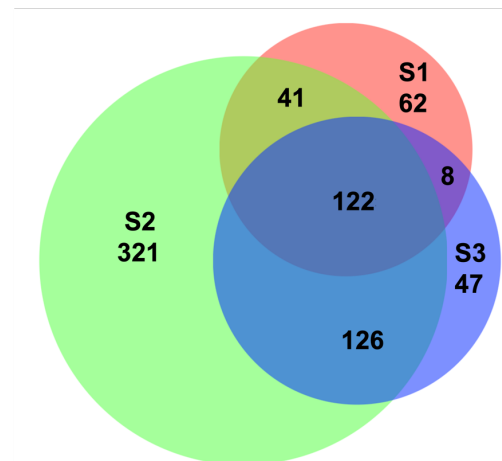
As described in sections 2.3.4 and 3.2.10, isolated exosomes were grouped into three samples that were individually subjected to proteomic analysis. A total of 730 unique proteins were identified (Appendix, Table S 10). As shown in Table 12, there was a large difference in the number of proteins identified between samples.

**Table 12.** Statistical data of proteins identified in breath-derived exosomes collected from volunteers. The number of proteins identified in exosome samples from volunteers showing total, unique, and overlapped proteins across three samples. Each group consisted of three biological replicate samples run in technical duplicates.

Sample	Total proteins identified	Unique proteins	Shared proteins	Overlap proteins across 3 samples
S1	233	62 (8.53%)	41 (5.64%) (S1+S2)	122 (16.78%)
S2	610	321 (44.15%)	126 (17.33%) (S2+S3)	
S3	303	47 (6.46%)	8 (1.1%) (S1+S3)	

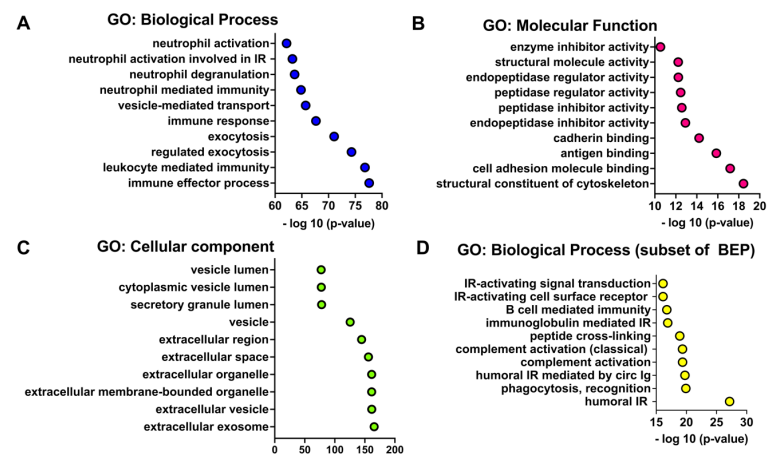
This may arise as these are low abundance samples, with many peptide signals being around the limits of detection of the mass spectrometer.

From 730 unique proteins, 297 proteins were found in at least twice across three samples as shown in Figure 44 (Appendix, Table S 11). These 297 proteins were defined as the core of the breath exosome proteome (BEP).



**Figure 44.** Area-proportional Venn diagram for proteins identified in breath-derived exosome samples from volunteers. Comparison diagram of proteins identified in breath-derived exosomes from volunteers across 3 biological samples (S1, S2, and S3). Each biological replicate sample run in duplicate. Generated by using BioVenn software.

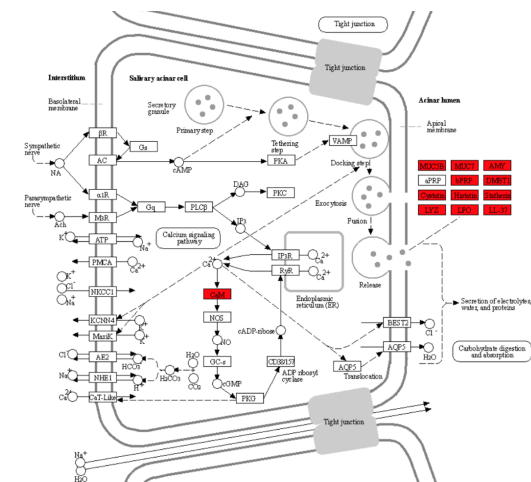
The functional gene ontology (GO) enrichment analysis of the core BEP was performed using g:Profiler database<sup>516</sup> for functional interpretation of gene list. Although the core of the BEP was identified consisting of 297 proteins, 5 proteins (Immunoglobulin lambda constant 7 (A0M8Q6), Immunoglobulin kappa constant (P01834I), Immunoglobulin heavy constant gamma 3 (P01860), IgGFc-binding protein (Q9Y6R7), and Immunoglobulin heavy variable 3/OR16-9 (non-functional) (S4R460)) were not included in the analysis as they were absent from the g:Profiler database. The GO enrichment analysis revealed that of the 292 proteins, 235 have a GO cellular component annotation to the extracellular exosome, being the most strongly enriched term in this analysis ( $P_{adj} 3.43 \times 10^{-166}$ ). The top three GO biological process annotations are immune effector process (132 terms,  $P_{adj} 2.50 \times 10^{-78}$ ), leukocyte mediated immunity (120 terms,  $P_{adj} 1.56 \times 10^{-77}$ ), and regulated exocytosis (113 terms,  $P_{adj} 5.05 \times 10^{-75}$ ). GO molecular function and cellular components are shown on Figures 45 B and C respectively.



**Figure 45.** The functional GO enrichment analysis of the core of the breath exosome proteome. Results of functional enrichment analysis to examine the (A) biological process, (B) molecular function, and (C) cellular component of the core BEP proteins. The subset of the core BEP consisting of 184 proteins (GO: BP) is shown under D. The Y-axis represents term, and X-axis represents negative  $\log_{10}$  of adjusted p-value. The figure was generated by using Prism GraphPad Software (version 9.1.1) for macOS, San Diego, California.

Among these proteins, identified as the core of the breath exosome proteome, a few of them were associated with exocytosis. There were considerable overlaps between proteins annotated to many of the biological process ontologies. As exosomes are formed through a regulated exocytosis pathway, we were particularly concerned that some biological processes may have been reported as significantly enriched only because they shared proteins with the regulated exocytosis ontology. Removing the exocytosis-associated proteins removed those other apparent enrichments, revealing more relevant biological processes associated with the identified proteins. For that reason, the list of 297 proteins were narrowed down and a follow-up GO functional enrichment analysis was completed with the 184-protein subset (Appendix, Table S12) of the core BEP proteins, those not annotated to the regulated exocytosis term. Within this subset of proteins, the most enriched cellular component ontology is extracellular space (158 terms,  $P_{\text{adj}} 3.94 \times 10^{-89}$ ) with the most significant parental biological processes being humoral immune response (41 terms,  $P_{\text{adj}} 6.36 \times 10^{-28}$ ), humoral immune response mediated by circulating immunoglobulin (29 terms,  $P_{\text{adj}} 2.21 \times 10^{-20}$ ), and complement activation (26 terms,  $P_{\text{adj}} 5.11 \times 10^{-20}$ ). A full list of GO term enrichments undertaken using g:Profiler database<sup>516</sup> is in the Appendix, Tables S 13-14. Although the purification gave high quality exosomes free of protein contamination, there is a contribution from proteins associated with the salivary system.

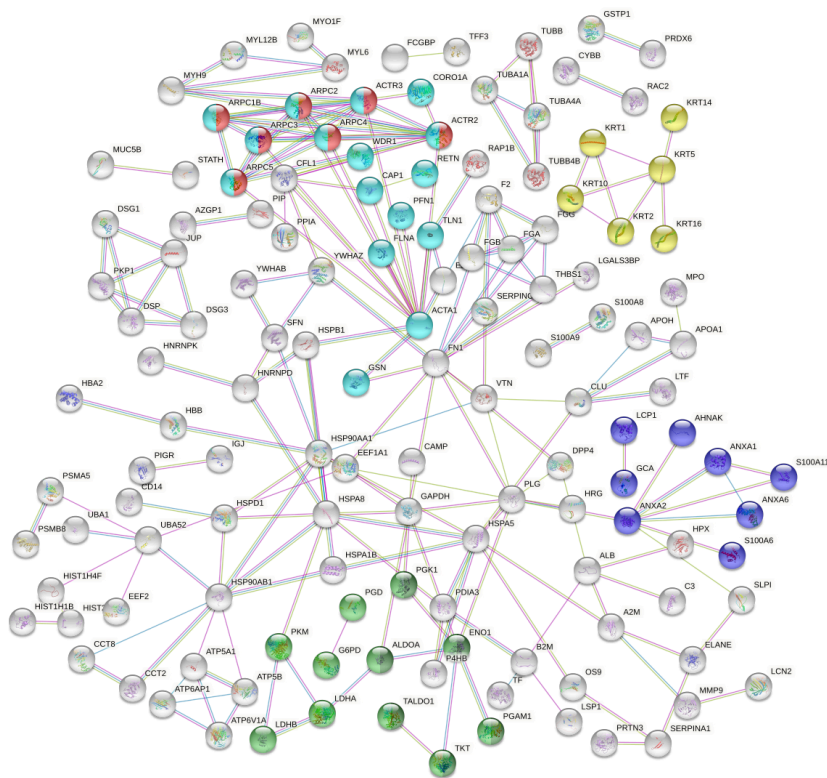
Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) pathway analysis using KEGG database<sup>559</sup> for both the core BEP and the 184-protein subset revealed the contribution of the salivary system, with 12 proteins annotated to salivary secretion in the core BEP (Fig. 46, shown in red).



**Figure 46.** KEGG pathway of proteins associated with salivary secretion. The proteins activated in salivary secretion are highlighted in red boxes. The figure is generated by using ShinyGO v.0.61 software.

Among those 12 proteins, 10 proteins were found in the 184-protein subset excluding alpha-amylase 1A (AMY) and cathelicidin (LL-37). However, this number may be higher as our pathway analysis only covered 179 of the core BEP proteins and 97 of the smaller subset. Among those salivary proteins, four major protein families (cystatins (CST1, CST2, CST4, CST5), histatin (HTN1, HTN3), mucin (MUC5B), and statherin (STATH)) were found. The proteins from the first two families can be found in saliva and have been produced by parotid and submandibular glands, which are the most important glands responsible for saliva production<sup>560</sup>. In addition, mucin is thought contribute to the lubricating and viscoelastic properties of whole saliva<sup>561</sup>. Statherin plays a role in stabilizing saliva supersaturated with calcium salts by inhibiting the precipitation of calcium phosphate salts<sup>562</sup>.

To fully understand of the biological processes associated with the proteome of breath exosomes, the STRING database<sup>514</sup> was used to visualize the protein network, as well as functional associations (Fig. 47).

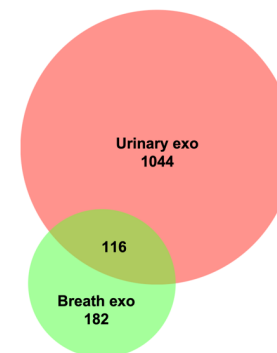


**Figure 47.** The network of identified proteins of the core BEP constructed by STRING. The proteins in the network are represented with high confidence with major clusters highlighted in yellow (Keratin), red (Arp2/3 protein complex), purple (mixed cluster including Tetraspanin family and Annexin), green including dark green (Glycolysis), and teal (RhoGTPase proteins involved in activation of WASPs and WAVEs and actin binding). The connections indicate that these proteins are part of a physical complex, and the thickness indicates the strength of the connection within the complex showing their confidence. Disconnected nodes from the network were removed.

The first largest cluster is the RhoGTPase cluster, proteins of which play an important role in exosome biogenesis by regulating protein transport and membrane recycling from endosomal compartments<sup>563</sup>. The second largest cluster consists of proteins associated with glycolysis and the pentose phosphate pathway. Both complexes are involved in the glucose metabolism<sup>564</sup>. Further, the pentose phosphate pathway protein complex is a major key in exosome-mediated intracellular communication<sup>565</sup>. It is also important to mention that simultaneous inhibition of the glycolysis and oxidative phosphorylation (not shown) triggers

increase of exosomes secretion<sup>566</sup>. Moreover, glycolytic enzymes are involved in ATP production that can be easily affected during cancer progression due to a decrease of ATPase activity<sup>567</sup>. The third largest cluster of proteins is associated with the tetraspanin family and annexin, proteins of which are concentrated on the plasma membrane of EVs and play a fundamental role in EV biogenesis<sup>568</sup>. The fourth protein cluster consists of the Arp2/3 protein complex, which is shared with the RhoGTPase cluster described above. The ARP2/3 complex is involved in the formation of actin branches. Interestingly, this complex has been previously reported as one of the key players in endocytosis<sup>569,570</sup> and EVs release<sup>571</sup>. The keratin complex has been also highlighted in the network of identified proteins as a major constituent of proteins found in the breath-derived exosomes.

Finding similarities and differences that exist among different types of exosomes piqued our interest, and comparison was made with literature data of the urinary exosome proteome, a source chosen because it is also collected by a non-invasive approach. Identification and proteomic profiling of exosomes in human urine has been studied for decades resulting in a database of 1160 proteins<sup>507,572</sup>. First, proteins identified in the core of the breath exosome proteome and urine-derived exosomes were compared to derive the profile similarities (Fig. 48).

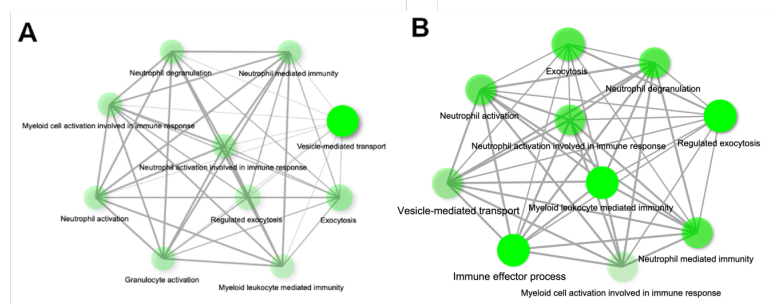


**Figure 48.** Area-proportional Venn diagram for proteins identified in breath-derived and urinary exosomes. Comparison diagram of proteins identified in breath-derived exosomes from volunteers and urinary exosomes across two samples. The proteins identified in urinary exosomes used in this figure was taken from previous published database<sup>507,572</sup>. Generated by using BioVenn software.

It appeared that almost 40% of proteins identified in breath exosomes are also present in urinary exosomes. Then, we decided to look at unique families of proteins identified in urine-



and breath-derived exosomes (Fig. 49). A significant similarity would suggest that the proteins are related.

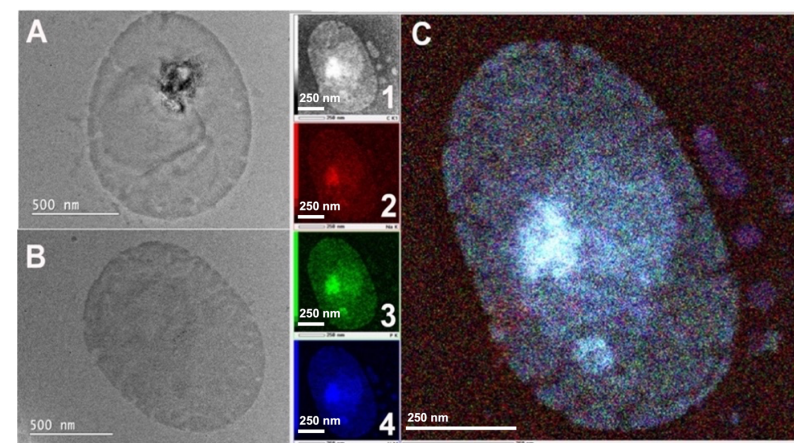


**Figure 49. The functional GO enrichment analysis of urine and the core of the breath-derived exosome proteome.** The diagram is showing only BP component of unique proteins identified in (A) urine exosomes and (B) the core of the BEP. Two pathways (nodes) are connected if they share 20% or more genes. Less transparent nodes are more significantly enriched gene sets. Bigger nodes represent larger gene sets. Thicker edges represent more overlapping genes. The figure was generated by ShinyGo v0.61 software.

The GO analysis of the biological component identified more similarities than expected, highlighting the same terms with slightly different enrichment values. The main difference identified among terms of the biological component was the leading term. For urine exosomes the most enriched biological component ontology was vesicle-mediated transport (276 terms,  $P_{adj} 6.57 \times 10^{-56}$ ), while for the core of breath exosomes it was immune effector process (132 terms,  $P_{adj} 2.50 \times 10^{-78}$ ). The analysis of shared proteins identified five members of the chaperonin-containing T-complex that plays role in regulating transport vesicles to cilia and actin folding<sup>573</sup>. The analysis of molecular function identified two similarities: the groups of proteins associated with “cell adhesion molecule binding” and “cadherin binding”.

### 3.3.8 Other co-isolated vesicles

During TEM imaging of breath-derived exosomes, some larger vesicles were co-isolated with exosomes. Based on their size range (200-500nm) and shape, they potentially could be considered as microvesicles or larger extracellular vesicles (Fig. 50 A and B).



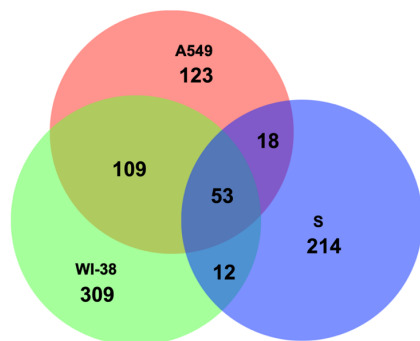
**Figure 50. Characterization of larger EVs by TEM and STEM-EDS.** TEM images of larger EVs (A-B) eluted with exosomes fraction after ultracentrifugation ;scale bar 500 nm. (C) The STEM-EDS analysis of a single vesicle found in breath (1) carbon, (2) nitrogen, (3) phosphorus, and (4) uranium. Scale bar 250 nm.

STEM-EDS was performed to distinguish their origin. The results are shown in Figure 50 C. The sample was placed on a copper grid and stained with uranyl acetate, explaining the presence of these otherwise unexpected elements in the EDS spectrum. The presence of abundant carbon and oxygen that maps as co-located with larger vesicles is consistent with it being of organic origin. At this point no further investigation was done as it was not the aim of this study. However, the findings were noted for further studies.

### 3.3.9 Comparison of cell- and breath-derived exosomes

To consider whether the exosomes derived from cells make a good model of breath exosomes, and to determine the nature of differences between them, the proteins identified from these two sources compared with each other (Fig. 51).





**Figure 51. Area-proportional Venn diagram for proteins identified in cell- and the core of the breath-derived exosome proteome from volunteers.** Comparison diagram of proteins identified in cell (A549 and WI-38)-derived exosome and the core of the breath-derived exosome proteome from volunteers (S). Each biological replicate sample run in duplicate. Generated by using BioVenn software.

Of the 297 proteins identified as the core of the breath exosomes proteome, relatively few are found in common with the exosomes identified from the cell models. It is likely that with larger samples and repeated proteome determination, the apparent disparity between cell and breath exosomes will decrease. However, the difference between the two sample types is also likely to reflect the range of cell and tissue types contributing to breath exosomes, which will be much wider than the lung cells represented by the A549 and WI-38 models.

### 3.5 DISCUSSION

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death<sup>205,574</sup>. The frequency of diagnosis of early stages when curative treatment is possible is very low compared to the more advanced stages<sup>205</sup>. This is because early stages are asymptomatic and, additionally, the current diagnostic methods discussed in 1.3.2 are unable to detect the smallest tumors. To date, there are no biomarkers or biomarker-based screening assays that can accurately predict lung cancer development in early stages. Therefore, there is clearly a high need for the identification of biomarkers and the development of new analytical tools that can reduce the cancer burden through its early detection. For this reason, this study proposes the understanding of the breath exosomes collected from EBC through evaluation of their protein cargo.

Results from this chapter identified potential lung cancer biomarkers are only found in exosomes derived from A549 cells, used as a model of lung cancer. They were also in the

whole proteome of A549 cells and were absent in negative controls (the WI-38 cell model of normal lung and breath-derived exosomes from healthy volunteers).

It was first necessary to increase the amount of protein within analyzed samples. That includes detailed analysis of each step during protein extraction and troubleshooting for the optimization of the process. Among those, selection of an appropriate buffer solution for protein extraction, the volume of starting solution from which exosomes will be extracted, and the method of protein digestion were highlighted. The following issues were also identified in the literature review as discussed in 3.1.2. The selection of an appropriate buffer solution played an important role of separating proteins from other non-relative cellular components, such as lipids, by protect the integrity of proteins. It was important to find out which lysis buffer is most compatible with the exosome proteins. In previously reported studies the choice of lysis buffer varied, most commonly used lysis buffers are urea<sup>575</sup>, a combination of urea and thiourea<sup>576</sup>, RIPA buffer, NP-40<sup>577</sup>, and guanidium chloride<sup>578</sup>. The choice of the buffer will always be dictated by the nature of the sample from which proteins will be extracted. Use of thiourea provides a potent denaturant that can improve the solvation efficiency and so gives a high yield of proteins. However, this buffer is more applicable to use in gel-digestion method rather than in solution<sup>579</sup>. Two comparative studies on the relative benefits of buffers such as NP-40, SDS, 8 M urea<sup>580</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> study) and RIPA, SDS, 8 M urea<sup>581</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> study) have concluded that 8 M urea is the most generally reliable chaotropic agent in such lysis buffers. Based on these reports, the most common buffers (NP-40, 8 M urea, and combination of urea/thiourea) were also tested on exosome samples reporting 8 M urea buffer as a preferable choice.

The complication with the volume of starting solution from which exosomes were extracted was resolved through gradually increasing the cell count until the ideal number of total cells was found and through selection of the most suitable lysis buffer. However, that only partially solved the challenge. With breath-derived exosomes, it was not possible to apply the same methodological approach. At this stage, EBC was collected at different volumes and proteins were quantified each time until it reached the number close to the number of proteins identified from cell-derived exosomes. That being said, the volume of the starting solution containing exosomes was not the only factor responsible for the low protein recovery.

The discovery of the new putative biomarkers in this study was adopted and pursued through the analysis of protein cargo of the case (A549) and control (WI-38) cell-derived exosomes that then was compared to protein set of breath-derived exosomes. As a result of this comparison, the identified biomarkers were able evaluate the correlation between two protein sets contributed to distinguishing lung dysfunctionality from healthy lungs. Along with this,

the benchmark proteome of exosomes isolated from the breath of healthy volunteers was fully characterized for the first time. It must be noted that LC-MS/MS analysis has its own limitation in detection of low-abundance proteins that still remains challenging. The results of this study suggest that the reliability of the data obtained from a sample will depend on the quality of the sample preparation. We cannot forget the fact that exosomes are expected to be rich in lipid-associated proteins, which may be inherently difficult to resolubilize after acetone precipitation. Further, the peptides obtained from tryptic digestion may be similarly hydrophobic and readily lost through precipitation or retention on the C18 micropipettes.

An alternative method of protein digestion, the gel-tube method, was proposed and tested. The gel-tube system sets a sample in acrylamide followed by polymerization. The sample is washed in the gel, and so is never precipitated. Tryptic digestion was undertaken following methodology used for in-gel digestion. This method is reported to improve sample recovery with higher efficiency through in-gel protein trapping. A study described by Lu et al<sup>582</sup> compared gel-tube and SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis methods, reporting that gel-tube provides a better sequence coverage for peptides from membrane proteins extracted from prostate cancer cells. The efficiency of the gel-tube method for characterization of membrane proteins was further validated in comparison to in-solution digestion<sup>583,584,585</sup>. Despite the relative ease of implementation and reported positive outcome, this method was not successful for breath-derived exosomes as no proteins could be identified following this procedure. After numerous attempts to address the issues with protein recovery, it was decided to proceed with the standard method (digestion in-solution) but with an increase of the sample concentration to avoid insufficient number of proteins that can further compromise mass spectrometry analysis. This approach was first used on the preliminary study of breath-derived exosomes and was described in 3.3.5.

Whilst numerous protein biomarkers have been already discovered and reported from different sources of exosomes (Table 1), there is no information on breath exosome proteome that can shed light on new candidate biomarkers. Breath should be considered as an open avenue that offers a huge potential for a non-invasive identification of promising biomarkers. This study has revealed that the protein cargo of breath exosomes can be used to distinguish changes in protein sets between a lung cancer cell model and exosomes from healthy lung cell model suggesting that breath exosomes can be used to evaluate lung health becoming a serious competitor to plasma exosomes. To answer the question whether the proposed biomarkers can provide an accurate diagnosis of lung cancer, the proteome of clinical patients diagnosed with lung cancer, including different stages of this disease must be characterized. Results of this

future study can determine potential clinical usefulness for the early prediction of lung cancer and support breath as an assessable biological fluid for the discovery of biomarkers.

The present study highlights two other major findings: characterization of benchmark proteome from breath-derived exosomes and the importance of breath proteome as a negative control when investigating the specificity of proposed biomarkers. Although, the focus of the study was on evaluation of breath exosomes defining their potential application in diagnosis, the possibility of using whole breath was also considered. Since we could not provide evidence of the presence of even standard tetraspanin EV markers in whole breath samples by LC-MS/MS (3.3.6) or western blotting (3.3.7) or, there was no point in attempting our exosome-led diagnostics on whole breath.

Protein contamination of BEP described in 3.3.7 most likely occurred during EBC collection as contaminating proteins that originated from tissues and organs associated with respiratory tract and airways were noted. The most common contamination that has been previously described in several studies is associated with saliva proteins<sup>586,587</sup>. Further, it has been reported that 10% of the “respiratory droplets” present in EBC are associated with oral portion of the airway, which includes tongue and salivary glands<sup>588</sup>. Results of this study reported 12 proteins associated with salivary glands and 11 proteins associated with a group including salivary glands, lymphoid tissue<sup>589,590</sup>, esophagus, and tongue. Lastly, the STRING analysis identified keratin protein complex amongst other largest protein complexes (Fig. 47). Fifteen proteins associated with keratin family were found in the core of BEP. Five out of 15 proteins were associated with skin, while other 10 proteins had esophagus and tongue origin. This is not surprising as exogenous proteins or environmentally-derived proteins, such as keratins, that are present in condensate from the room and dust could also contribute contaminants of highly abundant proteins<sup>591,592</sup>.

The GO functional enrichment analysis and proteins’ network revealed insights of the breath proteome by highlighting several processes that are directly associated with exosomes biogenesis. In detail, the functional GO enrichment analysis of the core BEP revealed that breath-derived exosomes are indeed formed by the exosomes pathway which was confirmed by enriched cellular component “extracellular exosomes” ( $P_{adj} 3.43 \times 10^{-166}$ ). As exosomes are constantly released by all types of cell (healthy and diseased), it was important to determine whether a common subset of proteins can be determined across all types of exosomes mentioned in this study. Another question that this study tried to answer was whether there are cell type-specific proteins that can be found in the proteome of cellular exosomes that are similar or different to breath-derived exosomes<sup>592</sup>. The presence of proteins associated with

cell adhesion molecule binding was shared between all types of exosomes. Interestingly, the cell-derived exosomes had integrin and RNA binding in their top 10, while breath-derived exosomes did not have either of them. Breath-derived exosomes were dominated by proteins associated with antigen binding. This is not surprising as exosome have been previously recognized as mediators of immune regulation<sup>593</sup>. Biological processes such as “vesicle-mediated transport”, “transport”, “regulated exocytosis” are common between the protein profiles of cell- and breath- derived exosomes and is consistent with previous studies<sup>594,595</sup>. While “leukocyte mediated immunity” was predominant for breath exosomes, “establishment of localization” was leading in A549 exosomes, and “extracellular matrix organization” in WI-38 exosomes. Further analysis of biological processes revealed numerous similarities between WI-38 cell- and breath-derived exosomes, suggesting that selected model can provide a valid proxy. However, breath- and A549 cell-derived exosomes shared more common proteins than breath- with WI-38 cell-derived exosomes. This may arise from incomplete sampling of the proteome of these various types of exosomes, as well as from the contribution of exosomes from the airways other than the lung.

In summary, the results of this study indicate that the protein cargo of cell- and breath-derived exosomes are somewhat similar. This level of similarity is not unusual. For example, two studies confirm that the protein profile of total blood exosomes resembles the protein profile of plasma exosomes<sup>78,596</sup>. A comparative analysis of the proteome of breath-derived exosomes from this study and the proteome of urine-derived exosomes from the literature was also undertaken and is presented in 3.3.7. This analysis showed that not only were over a third of the proteins found in exosomes obtained from breath shared in common with exosomes from urine, but also that most of the gene ontologies associated with the proteomes of exosomes from these two sources. That allows us to conclude that proteins identified in breath exosomes are somewhat similar to proteins identified in other types of exosomes isolated from different biological fluids as previously described in Chapter 2.

### 3.5.1 Limitations

The determination of the benchmark healthy lung exosome proteome was conducted using samples mainly from people in young adulthood (18 to 30 years). The median age for lung cancer is 70 years<sup>597</sup>, therefore this benchmark proteome is not appropriately age-matched for a future proteomic study on exosomes isolated from lung cancer patients.

However, the benchmark proteome is a valuable resource, being the first reported from exosomes isolated from breath, and has been obtained from an appropriate population for comparison with many other lung dysfunctions. In this study it was not possible to distinguish whether there are important differences between the proteins identified from male or female participants, as samples were pooled. Gender differences and individual variations in comprehensive analysis of proteome samples have been previously reported<sup>598,599</sup>. This was done as the aim of the study was not to elucidate such differences, but rather to gain a broad overview of the proteins associated with exosomes isolated from breath, and any use of this data in developing diagnostic tests of lung function will ideally draw on proteins not associated with sex-associated differences.

A large sample volume of exhaled breath was needed to recover enough exosomes to identify their protein cargo. Additional work is required to minimize the volume required to conduct the comprehensive analysis of exosomes, as it would be best to avoid prolonged breath collection from people suffering with lung dysfunction in any future matched study looking for biomarkers of disease. Ideally, the breath collection should be simple and fast with max 10-15 minutes of breath donation. Any final diagnostic techniques will need to work well on much lower sample volumes, once biomarkers are established. In this study, only a single cell line was used to represent each of healthy lung and lung cancer. These cell models may not fully and accurately reflect the physiological condition they were chosen to represent. Validation of the proposed biomarkers will require different cell models.

This study, however, did not set out to determine definitive biomarkers. Instead, the experiments aimed to prove that it would be possible to detect potential biomarkers in exosomes, and to thereafter develop an analytical tool to determine the presence or absence of such biomarkers, and this aim was most readily established with a simple set of cell models. Whether this limitation is anticipated, this was not a major problem in this study. The findings were relevant and represented in-depth understanding of the research goal in this chapter.

Although all proteins found in exosomes in this study are well characterized, not all of them are recorded in every database used in the proteomic analysis. For example, whilst some proteins were excluded because they were annotated as commonly found in saliva in the Human Proteome Atlas (HPA)<sup>600</sup>, other proteins may also be contaminants in the sample relating to saliva but retained in the analysis as HPA had no annotation for them. Similarly, some protein accessions were not found in the gene ontology or KEGG pathway analysis. Omission or inclusion of such proteins from the analysis will have impacted in a small way on the proteomic analysis. However, a sufficient number of proteins were identified that the

impact of this should be minimal, especially as our analysis focused on the most strongly enriched terms or consistently identified protein complexes. Challenges highlighted in this chapter need to be taken for consideration for the future research to improve the interpretation and clinical usefulness of exosome-based protein biomarkers. Combining results presenting in this study with a future characterization of breath proteome from lung cancer diagnosed patients can provide comprehensive understanding whether the putative biomarkers can be used in diagnosis and clinical staging of lung cancer disease.

### 3.6 CONCLUSION

The first aim of this chapter was to determine the proteome of exosomes from cell models of normal lung tissue (WI-38 cells) and lung cancer (A549 cells) and to demonstrate that it is possible to identify potential biomarkers of lung cancer. After conducting proteomic analysis of exosomes from cell models, four putative biomarkers (GLUT, MYOF, CD151, and RhoC) were proposed. These proposed biomarkers were found only in exosomes isolated from the A549 cell model of lung cancer and were absent in exosomes from WI-38 cells and from exosomes isolated from the breath of healthy human volunteers.

The second aim of this chapter was to determine the benchmark proteome from breath-derived exosomes and the use of those exosomes as a negative control to test the proposed putative biomarkers of lung cancer. The proteome profile of breath-derived exosomes was identified for the first time from exosomes obtained from the breath of 55 healthy volunteers. Through GO functional enrichment analysis we showed that exosomes isolated from healthy lung cells and breath are similarly “programmed” reporting roughly similar biological processes, which we had expected.

The study suggests that the proteome of breath-derived exosomes may be used in future studies identifying new biomarkers of lung dysfunction, with a final goal of proposing lung cancer biomarkers. Researchers have to be mindful that protein contamination of EBC specimens with salivary and other exogenous proteins could interfere with characterization of the exosomal proteome<sup>601</sup>. At the end of this study, it has been determined that exosomes obtained from WI-38 cells could provide a valid proxy for breath-derived exosomes using bioinformatics techniques based on the identified proteomes.

The next chapter will investigate whether exosome-based biomarkers can be detected using FRET methodology.

## CHAPTER 4. DETECTION OF EXOSOMES - DIAGNOSTIC APPLICATION

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### Aim:

The aim of this chapter was to develop a sensitive test for the presence of the selected biomarkers of lung cancer found on exosomes from cell models.

### Objectives:

1. Select antibodies corresponding to the proposed biomarkers, and label with fluorescent dyes to give suitable FRET pairs.
2. Determine the FRET efficiency of each proposed fluorescent labeled antibody pair by conjugating them with all sources of exosomes with the goal of selecting 1-2 pairs using a FRET-based assay using time-correlated single photon counting.

### 4.1 INTRODUCTION

#### 4.1.1 Overview of sensor detection methods

The final component of this study was to look whether it is possible to develop a sensitive test for the presence of the selected biomarkers of lung cancer found on exosomes from cell models. This section will briefly give an overview of sensor devices and describe the requirements of sensors that are critical for diagnostic purposes.

Sensors are widely used not only in medicine, but also in other areas such as security, food safety, and drug discovery as they allow detection of specific processes (biological, chemical, or physical) or molecules, for example protein and micro RNA biomarkers<sup>602</sup> or gene mutation<sup>603</sup>. Novel sensors that can improve medical care, contribute insights into disease processes or assist with early detection are desirable. The pioneering work in developing sensors belongs to Clark who in 1956 developed an oxygen electrode for measuring oxygen levels in blood that was later named the “Clark electrode”. This remarkable electrode was initially used in the heart-lung machine that Leland C. Clark Jr. also pioneered. A few years later, in 1962, the first prototype of a biosensor, a glucose biosensor, was introduced by the same inventor<sup>604</sup>. What differentiates a biosensor from other sensors is that it uses a molecule

derived from a biological origin, often referred to as a bioreceptor, as an integral part of the sensor function.

Sensors measure biological or chemical reactions by generating signals proportional to the concentration of an analyte. Since Clark's glucose sensor, the field of biosensors started to rapidly develop, expanding both the number of devices and the scope of their application<sup>605</sup>. A urea-specific enzyme electrode was developed in 1969 by Guilbault and Montalvo Jr<sup>606</sup>, a fiber-optic biosensor for carbon dioxide and oxygen detection in 1975 by Lubbers and Optiz<sup>607</sup>, and several commercial biosensors have been developed<sup>608–611</sup>. The potential applications of biosensors have been extensively researched both *in vitro* and *in vivo*. Implantable biosensors, for example, allow continuous measurements in living organisms.

A medical sensing device must have components that allow it to achieve recognition, signalization, and quantification. Those components are a sensor, a transducer, and a system to display or record the outcome of the test<sup>612</sup>. High performance biosensors must have specific characteristics. The most important characteristic of any type of biosensor is selectivity, which enables detection of a specific analyte in a sample. Once detection occurs, the response needs to be converted to a signal. The ability of a sensor to provide consistent responses when a sample is measured several times is known as reproducibility. This is the second most important characteristic. An ideal sensor provides a stable signal over a range of ambient conditions. Whilst every useful sensor has to be selective, consistent and stable, another important factor is sensitivity, as this defines the limit of detection. However, in order to contribute to disease diagnostics, new analytical methods that are high in efficiency and can use small sample volumes need to be developed.

Depending on the method of signal transduction, biosensors can be grouped as optical, electrochemical, mechanical, acoustic, or magnetic (piezoelectric). Some biomolecules are difficult to detect so are studied via an attached label (antibody, fluorophore, or radioactive isotope) that does not affect the behavior of the labeled analyte. This was relevant to the study as two fluorophores (donor and acceptor) conjugated to antibodies were used in developing a FRET-based biosensor assay. While a variety of labels can be used, the labeling strategy must be carefully considered based on the intended application as some labels might block binding sites. Based on their method of detection, biosensors can be divided into two large groups: label-based and label-free<sup>613</sup>. Label-based biosensors have fluorescent, colorimetric, or luminescent signal labels that can provide specificity to the biosensors. This approach has been taken to detect interaction initially between a pair of general tetraspanin EV markers (CD63 and CD81) and then pairs of proposed biomarkers. In contrast, label-free biosensors

directly generate the signal by interaction with the analyte of interest<sup>614</sup>. Optical biosensors are the most common type of biosensor and have been developed in both label-based and label-free formats.

There are several fluorescence-based techniques that include a fluorescent reporter that is necessary to detect the target analyte. Fluorescence-based biosensors can take many formats, and can use technologies that include sandwich immunoassays, immuno-magnetic beads, and FRET<sup>615</sup>. Fluorescent labeling of proposed biomarkers with a pair of fluorophore dyes can be employed to examine interactions through FRET, as has been shown in this study.

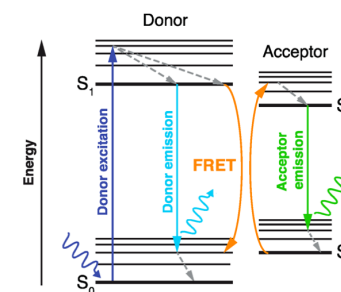
#### 4.1.2 Principles of FRET and its application in biosensors

Identification of biomarkers can contribute to diagnosis and thus improve potential for therapeutic intervention and so improve outcomes. Ideally, biomarkers would enable early detection of disease. For decades, researchers have been working on the discovery of biomarkers that recognize a specific disease, and through application in biosensors may have sufficient sensitivity and selectivity to detect low signal abundance in small volumes of samples of biological origin. For a long time, researchers were curious as to whether it was possible to interpret and visualize events happening in living organisms on a molecular level. FRET-based biosensors have been perceived as an excellent and powerful tool, recognizing and defining the concentration of a target molecule. For sensing purposes, FRET-based biosensors have been extensively used in many biomedical applications including bioimaging and drug screening<sup>616</sup>. My rationale behind choosing FRET-based biosensing methods was that they are relatively simple and provide rapid and sensitive diagnostics, even down to single-cell level, and work in heterogeneous samples, such as exosomes<sup>617</sup>.

As has been previously mentioned, FRET-based biosensors require two fluorescent probes: a donor and an acceptor. FRET operates through a distance-dependent transfer of energy. Briefly, the FRET process begins with excitation of the donor containing a fluorophore dye that initially absorbs the energy that then transfers it to an acceptor containing another fluorophore dye located in close proximity (typically less than 10 nm away)<sup>618</sup> arising from spectral overlap of the donor's emission and the acceptor's absorption spectra. Due to this process, the fluorescence intensity of the donor decreases, while the acceptor's emission intensity increases. Another requirement for FRET to occur is that there has to be a dipole-dipole interaction between the acceptor and donor<sup>619</sup>.

Although FRET is usually used to study intermolecular interactions or conformational changes within a molecule, it can be also applied to biological assays. The key advantage of using FRET-based assays over biochemical assays is to achieve better subcellular resolution in a living cell<sup>620</sup>. The efficiency of a FRET-based assay can be optimized by choosing ideal FRET pairs (donor and acceptor fluorophore dyes) that are essential for the high performance of the assay.

This study introduces a FRET-based assay that was developed to detect the interaction between the proposed putative lung cancer biomarkers on an exosome surface with an ultimate goal to detect cancer using markers on exosomes. The assay was made by using a pair of antibodies corresponding to the proposed biomarkers, one labeled with a donor fluorophore and another with an acceptor fluorophore. These labeled fluorophores are incubated with the exosomes in solution. FRET efficiency is a distance-dependent matter for this method of detection. Binding of fluorophore-labeled antibodies in close proximity will occur only when the selected biomarker pair is co-located on an exosome surface and is in sufficient abundance to bring a high number of biomarker pairs within the distance limits of FRET. Based on the separation distance, the FRET efficiency can either decrease or increase. Two main methods of measuring the FRET efficiency are spectral methods<sup>621</sup> and photoluminescence (PL) lifetime measurements<sup>412,622,623</sup>. In this study, PL lifetime measurement by time-correlated single photon counting (TCSPC) was chosen because neither the concentration of the fluorophore dyes nor light scattering in the sample affect measurements. The PL lifetime refers to the average time that a fluorophore spends in an excited state before returning to the ground state. By measuring the PL lifetime, changes in the fluorophore's surroundings that impact lifetime can be observed and quantified. The presence of an appropriate acceptor fluorophore allowing for FRET provides a new pathway for the donor fluorophore to return to the ground state, resulting in a reduced PL lifetime. The process of energy transfer is shown on a simplified Jablonski diagram below (Fig. 52).



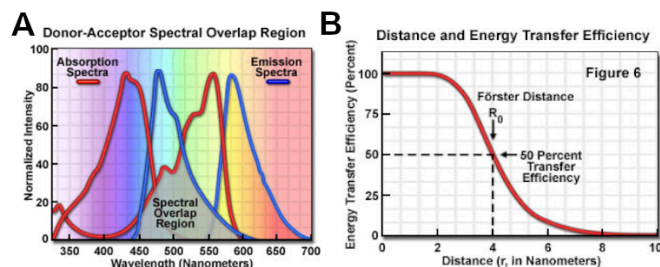
**Figure 52. The Jablonski energy transfer diagram.** The simplified diagram is showing energy transition including excitation of the ground state ( $S_0$ ) and mechanisms of decay of excited states ( $S_1$ ) to return to the ground state<sup>624</sup>.

The energy transfer process from a molecule in the excited state begins when the molecule from the ground state ( $S_0$ ) gets excited after absorbing energy from a photon. From the excited state, a molecule returns to the ground state in one of three forms: emission of a photon, non-radiative decay, or FRET<sup>625</sup>. During the process when electrons go from excited states to the ground state, a loss of vibrational energy occurs. As a result of that, the emission spectrum becomes shifted to longer wavelengths than the excitation spectrum. This process of energy difference between absorption and emission spectra of a molecule was investigated by Sir George Gabriel Stokes who studied the properties of fluorescence and first observed this phenomenon in 1852, which was later named after him as the Stokes shift<sup>626</sup>. During his observation, Stokes noticed that the wavelength of the exciting light was always lower than the wavelength of emitted fluorescent light. Later, the differentiated transition moments between absorption and emission were explained by Alexander Jablonski in an energy diagram that was then named after him as the “Jablonski energy diagram” (Fig. 52) and used to explain several processes including delayed fluorescence<sup>627</sup>.

As previously mentioned, the close proximity of the pairs is the most critical element for FRET. In this study, we tested whether pairs of proteins that are abundant in exosomes would be within the separation threshold required to give FRET using a simple fluorophore-conjugated antibody system. That was initially validated for general tetraspanin EV markers CD63 and CD81. If these two proteins are abundantly co-located on an exosome, we should expect the donor and acceptors fluorophores to be in close proximity and as a result observe reduction in PL lifetime, the FRET effect. However, a few more conditions have to be met.



The absorption spectrum of the acceptor must overlap the fluorescence emission of the donor (Fig. 53 A). This degree is known as the spectral overlap integral ( $J$ ).



**Figure 53. Schematic representation of FRET.** The figure is showing (A) the spectral overlap integral and (B) fluorescence lifetime decay showing distance and energy transfer efficiency. Adapted from Olympus-lifescience.com

Further, the dipole-dipole interaction between donor and acceptor resulting in energy transition expects dipoles to be aligned in parallel orientation. Finally, there are two key distances: the separation of the acceptor and donor fluorophores ( $r$ ) and the Förster distance ( $R_0$ ) of the donor fluorophore. The Förster distance is the distance at which energy transfer is 50% efficient (Fig. 53 B). That means that 50% of excited donor energy is deactivated by FRET. The rate at which the non-radiative transfer of energy between a donor and an acceptor fluorophore occurs is known as  $k_T$  and is defined in equation 2 (eq 2):

$$k_T = (1/\tau_D) * [(R_0/r)^6] \quad (\text{eq 2}),$$

where  $\tau_D$  is the fluorescence lifetime of the donor in the absence of the acceptor,  $R_0$  is the Förster radius, and  $r$  is the distance between the donor and acceptor fluorophores. Assuming that a pair is compatible with the previously stated requirements, the efficiency ( $E$ ) can be calculated using equation 3 (eq 3):

$$E = R_0^6 / (r^6 + R_0^6) \quad (\text{eq 3}).$$

The magnitude of the Förster radius ( $R_0$ ) is highly dependent on the spectral properties of the donor and acceptor fluorophores and their mutual orientation.

Förster demonstrated that the most useful distance between donor and acceptor is between 2 and 9 nm and with the  $R_0$  values around 5 nm for organic fluorophores. In practice,

the distance can vary somewhere between 4-7 nm due to the background noise<sup>628</sup>. Besides the already mentioned factors, there are a number of other important features, such as the fluorescence quantum yield of the donor in the absence of an acceptor ( $\Phi_d$ ), the refractive index of the solution ( $n$ ), the orientation factor of each molecule ( $k^2$ ), and by the already mentioned spectral overlap integral ( $J$ ). The relationship between these factors and the Förster distance ( $R_0$ ) is shown below (eq 4):

$$R_0 = 9.78 \times 10^3 (n^4 * \Phi_d * k^2 * J)^{1/6} \text{ \AA} \quad (\text{eq 4}).$$

In practice, there are several limitations that can affect FRET measurements. The first limitation is associated with the different brightness level of fluorophores when imaged together, forcing one channel to become a dominant. This challenge can be avoided if the brightness level of selected dyes is relatively similar. The second limitation is a donor-acceptor stoichiometry that can interfere with detection if pairs lie outside of defined ratios 1:10 or 10:1. Excess concentration of one or the other will result in an absence of FRET even though the pair might meet prior requirements, such as the Förster distance. The next challenge that can be easily reduced by choosing a well-separated donor and acceptor is crossover or bleed-through between spectral overlap of selected pairs. An advantage of analyzing FRET using PL lifetime measurement of the donor is that it overcomes this problem. Finally, the inappropriate alignment of selected pairs, when the Förster radius between fluorophores is greater than 6 nm, can lead to a false negative or undetectable signal. That can often happen in protein-protein interactions if fluorophores are attached to the opposite sides of the protein-protein complex<sup>629</sup>.

#### 4.1.3. FRET, exosomes, and cancer diagnostics

The range of biological applications of FRET has exploded over the past few years leading to an improved understanding of dynamic interactions of proteins that have significant impacts on signaling pathways. Current techniques, such as fluorescence imaging or electronic microscopy, were unable to provide reliable measurements due to limitations in spatial resolution or lack of labeling techniques<sup>630</sup>. On the other hand, the application of intermolecular FRET had overcome those challenges. Generally, FRET application can be often seen in the characterization of membrane systems through protein-protein or lipid-protein interactions. It is a relatively simple and very powerful approach to study membrane biophysics<sup>631</sup>. As described in section 4.1.2, FRET can be determined by differences in photoluminescence,

intensity (steady state), or by detection of the fluorophore lifetime (time-resolved) that was used in this study. Time-resolved FRET measurements have one main advantage over steady state intensity measurements: the measurement is independent of the concentration of the fluorophore dyes. This is important in many biological applications, such as bioimaging. Although not used in this study, a brief description of microscopy imaging analysis is included for comparative purposes.

Fluorescence microscopy is considered a fundamental unit of biomedical imaging due to its high sensitivity to the molecular environment and the ability to recognize changes in molecular confirmations. As a powerful technique, Fluorescent Lifetime Imaging Microscopy (FLIM) can provide a high-resolution analysis of changes occurring in cells on the molecular level by introducing fluorophores into molecular environments. FLIM can be used to monitor disease progression and drug efficacy reflecting insights into various processes in cells and tissues. Similar to FRET, FLIM exploits the lifetime property of fluorescence. However, FLIM offers several advantages over FRET. For example, the ability to visualize changes of fluorophore behavior in molecular environments within the proximity of FRET pairs that cannot be achieved only based on intensity measurements<sup>618,630</sup>. Another advantage is being independent of fluorophore concentration and detected intensity considered as “a self-referenced measurement”<sup>623</sup>. That being said, there are several drawbacks that prevent FLIM taking a dominant approach over FRET. First, imaging is much more time consuming and requires more complicated high-cost equipment. Secondly, imaging in live cells can be challenging due to autofluorescence of cells and pH level<sup>630</sup>.

Alternatively, in some cases the combination of FLIM-FRET could be a better option. A FLIM-FRET combination only uses the lifetime measurements of the donor. This use of only the lifetime donor mean that while some pairs are not effective in FRET experiments due to their spectral overlap issues, these can be used in FLIM-FRET<sup>622</sup>.

FRET-based applications gain their popularity due to the implementation of FRET techniques into molecular diagnostics. This interest was based on the ability to monitor molecular dynamics of cell membranes and other molecular interactions<sup>632</sup>. Further, FRET-based biosensors and assays were utilized not only to study cellular dynamics but also applied on a single-cell level. Cancer biomarkers, such as proteins, DNA and micro RNA, can be used in ensemble with a FRET-based platform for monitor progression of diseases or their early diagnosis<sup>633</sup>. The advantage of FLIM was used by Wong’s research group in identifying the status of dimerization of human epidermal growth factor receptors on circulating EVs in breast cancer<sup>634</sup>. Briefly, chosen receptors EGFR and HER3 were labeled with a fluorescently

conjugated primary antibodies pair of FRET fluorophores (Alexa 546 F4 (EGFR) and Cy5 2F12 (HER3)). Then the lifetime of the donor was measured, and FRET was calculated based on the donor’s lifetime with and without the acceptor (eq 3). Then lifetime images before and after treatment were compared tracking the changes related to the separation of chosen receptors in residual tumors.

FRET was successfully applied to monitor protein synthesis in single live cancer cells as an aid to visualizing the production of proteins generated from fluorescently labeled tRNAs<sup>635</sup>. The selected cell line (multiple myeloma cells U266) was transfected with fluorescently labeled tRNAs that were used by ribosomes for protein translation. The study concluded that monitoring protein synthesis by FRET has a higher efficiency and sensitivity and can be mapped in real time compared to other previous successfully used methods, such as isotopic labeling of amino acids or non-radioactive surface sensing of translation assay based on flow cytometry principles. In another example a FRET-based immunoassay demonstrated the ability to distinguish between SCLC and NSCLC lung carcinoma<sup>636</sup>. Implementation of other types of cancer biomarkers, such as micro RNA, was proposed by using amplified time-gated FRET that can advance the possibilities of micro RNA-based cancer diagnostics and research<sup>633,637</sup>.

As mentioned in 4.1.1, FRET-based sensors can be used in living organisms. An example of that is shown by Nobis’s group that engineered a RhoA FRET biosensor mouse to monitor RhoA activity in normal tissue homeostasis and disease progression in-vivo<sup>638</sup>. In that study, the FRET biosensor was utilized to investigate the activity of the small GTPase molecule, RhoA, and access changes associated with different stages of mammary gestation. Further, monitoring changes in RhoA activity in the same mouse contributed to understanding the efficacy of drug-targeting in breast and pancreatic cancer. This study showed that FRET-based biosensors allow investigation of changes in the crosstalk between molecules of interest during disease progression. This offers potential to optimize drug targeting. Another example is developing a FRET-based molecular probe to monitor enzyme activity in breast cancer which allowed the researchers to detect tumors in vivo against a background of normal tissue<sup>639</sup>.

Besides FRET/FLIM application in diagnostics, it has been also demonstrated as a preclinical tool to access drug delivery and efficacy in live tumors<sup>640</sup> and to experimentally validate a list of potential genes implicated in cancer, predicted by the gene prioritizing tool MaxLink<sup>641</sup>. In addition, FRET/FLIM was used for phenotyping analysis of EVs that could improve the efficacy of the general principle EV-based diagnosis<sup>439</sup>. There is also a published use of FRET/FLIM to determine the efficiency of engineering the lipid composition of exosomes<sup>642</sup>. FRET pairs (donor-acceptor), i.e., ORP3–TRITC/VAP-A–GFP, Rab7–

RFP/ORP3-FITC, and Rab7–RFP/VAP-A–GFP, were used to determine potential interactions between ORP3, VAP proteins, and Rab7 in the biogenesis and dynamics of NEI-associated late endosomes. A recent study that reported using FRET with exosomes described the invention of a FRET magnetic aptamer-sensor that allows rapid and efficient detection of epithelial cancer achieved by magnetic enrichment of exosomes with aptamer functionalized fluorescent superparamagnetic microparticles assembled with gold nanoparticles conjugated with complementary DNA. The strategy of exosome detection was based on the FRET pair effect between quantum dot functionalized aptamer particles and gold nanoparticles with complementary DNA<sup>643</sup>.

Quantitative FRET imaging was applied to visualize the pro-tumorigenic and pro-metastatic membrane-type 1 invasiveness of live cancer cells that can aid screening of effective anti-cancer inhibitors<sup>644</sup>. Furthermore, FLIM has routinely been used in living cells for measuring of signaling events, such as protein-protein interactions<sup>645,646</sup>.

In summary, FRET-based sensing has been widely used in biomedical applications including diagnostics. The FRET-based assay operates through a distance-dependent transfer of energy between a donor and acceptor. Implementation of FRET techniques into molecular diagnostics based on antibody-antigen interaction can be utilized for early detection of various disease including lung cancer. In addition, the efficiency of a FRET-based assay can be optimized by choosing ideal FRET pairs (donor and acceptor fluorophore dyes).

## 4.2 METHODS

### 4.2.1 Preparation of AlexaFluor 488 (AF488)/AlexaFluor 546 (AF546)-proposed biomarkers conjugates

The labeling of proposed biomarkers with fluorophore dye, either AF488 ( $\lambda_{ex}$ =488 nm;  $\lambda_{em}$ =520 nm) or AF546 ( $\lambda_{ex}$ =556 nm;  $\lambda_{em}$ =573 nm) *N*-hydroxysuccinimide ester (ThermoFisher), followed a previously published protocol<sup>647</sup>. Briefly, 1 mg of AF488 was diluted in 100  $\mu$ L dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) and used immediately. Antibodies (CD151, GLUT, MYOF, RhoC) used in the conjugation (identical to those described in 3.2.10) were diluted in freshly made 0.1 M sodium bicarbonate buffer, pH 8.3 in ratio 1:10 at the final protein concentration of 5 mg/mL and of 20  $\mu$ L volume. To this solution, 1  $\mu$ L of the reactive dye solution (AF488-NHS ester) was added and incubated overnight in dark place at 4 °C under gentle shaking. After the incubation, unbound dye was removed by buffer exchange using protein desalting spin columns (ThermoFisher; 700  $\mu$ L of resin in 10 mM Tris, pH 7.5

with 0.02% sodium azide). First, the packing buffer was removed by centrifuging the column for 1 min in a swinging bucket centrifuge at 1,000 $\times$ g. Then, the column was equilibrated with 400  $\mu$ L exchange buffer (1 $\times$ PBS (phosphate buffered saline with a final concentration of 0.01 M (composition NaCl-137 mM, KCl- 2.7 mM, Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>- 10 mM)) pH7.4 with 0.9% sodium azide). After loading the sample, the column was centrifuged for 5 min at 1,000 $\times$ g and the purified sample was collected and stored at 4 °C.

### 4.2.2 Determination of Degree of Labeling (DOL)

After the process of labeling antibodies was complete, the unbound dye was removed through gel filtration using buffer exchange columns. Once all excess of unbound dye was removed, the degree of labeling was determined following several steps. First, the absorbance of the purified antibody-dye conjugate from 4.2.1 or 4.2.2 was measured at 280 nm to estimate the protein concentration. The molar concentration of the antibody ( $C_{IgG, M}$ ) in the sample was calculated using equation 5 (eq 5):

$$C_{IgG, M} = ((A_{280} - A_{dye}(\lambda_{dye})CF)/\epsilon_{IgG}L)DF \quad (eq\ 5),$$

where  $A_{280}$  is the measured absorbance of the sample,  $A_{dye}(\lambda_{dye})$  is the measured absorbance of the sample at the identified wavelength of maximum absorbance of the labeling fluorophore, CF is the ratio for a solution of the fluorophore alone of  $A_{dye}(280)/A_{dye}(\lambda_{dye})$ ,  $\epsilon_{IgG}$  is the molar absorption coefficient of the antibody at 280 nm (equal to 203,000 M<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup>), L is the optical path length, and DF is the dilution factor applied to the labeled antibody in determining the absorbance values. Similarly, the molar concentration for the conjugated dye in the labeled sample ( $C_{dye, M}$ ) was calculated by using equation 6 (eq 6):

$$C_{dye, M} = (A_{dye}(\lambda_{dye})/\epsilon_{dye}L)DF \quad (eq\ 6).$$

The degree of labeling (DOL) was determined from equation 7 (eq 7):

$$DOL = C_{dye, M}/C_{IgG, M} \quad (eq\ 7).$$

In this study, extinction coefficients ( $\epsilon'$ ) of 71000 M<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup> with CF 0.11 for AF488 and 104000 M<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup> with CF 0.12 for AF546 were used<sup>648</sup>.

#### 4.2.3 Exosome conjugation with labeled antibodies

The antibodies against CD81, CD151, GLUT, and RhoC were conjugated with the AF488 donor fluorophore and antibodies against CD63, CD151, GLUT, and MYOF were conjugated with the AF546 acceptor fluorophore. Four controls chosen: 1) both fluorophore-labeled antibodies (AF488/546) in the absence of exosomes; 2) exosomes conjugated with labeled a donor-labeled antibody with free AF546 dye; 3) exosomes in the presence of both free dyes AF488/546; and 4) exosomes conjugated with only the donor-labeled antibody. Exosomes conjugated with both labeled antibodies were considered as the 'FRET sample'. Cell- and breath-derived exosomes were isolated by ultracentrifugation as described above in 2.4.3 and re-suspended in 20  $\mu$ L of fresh 1 $\times$ PBS. Then 1  $\mu$ L of each of AF488- and AF546-labeled antibodies were added to all required FRET controls and the sample established above and incubated for 2 h at RT in the dark under gentle shaking. Samples volumes were adjusted to 0.5 mL with 1 $\times$ PBS and passed through a size exclusion column (qEVoriginal column, Izon Science) to remove unbound fluorophore conjugates as previously described in 2.4.4. Samples were stored in the dark at 4  $^{\circ}$ C until required. Free dye required for controls 2 and 3 was used at the same concentration as measured in the labeled antibody samples. Determination of dye concentration in the FRET sample was done through absorbance measurements for both dyes (AF488 and AF546) as described in 4.2.4 using a Cary 100 ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometer.

#### 4.2.4 Determination of fluorescent dye concentration in the FRET sample

Measurements were taken at absorbance wavelength ( $\lambda_{ex}$ ) of 494 nm and emission measured at a wavelength ( $\lambda_{em}$ ) of 517 nm for AF488 and with absorbance wavelength ( $\lambda_{ex}$ ) of 556 nm and emission measured at a wavelength ( $\lambda_{em}$ ) of 573 nm for AF546 at 488 nm using a Cary 100 ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometer. Then, the concentration was calculated using the Beer-Lambert Law equation.

#### 4.2.5 Time-resolved studies and FRET measurements

A labeled exosome sample of total volume 22  $\mu$ L was transferred into a UV-transparent cuvette (3.5 mL, light path 10 mm $\pm$  0.08 mm, wavelength range 190 nm-2.5  $\mu$ m, ThorLabs) for PL measurements and diluted up to 2 mL with 1 $\times$ PBS. The PL lifetimes of the sample and

controls were determined with a F980 Fluorescence Spectrometer (Edinburgh Photonics). PL decay scans were collected at a time scale of 500 ns over 1024 channels (0.4883 ns time/ch), 10,000 peak counts with the 1.5 ms (microseconds) pulse period, with excitation wavelength ( $\lambda_{ex}$ ) of 380 nm and emission measured at a wavelength ( $\lambda_{em}$ ) of 520 nm. The Förster distance value of 6.4 Å was taken from the literature<sup>625</sup>. The instrument response function (IRF) was measured using fresh milk to scatter excitation light. The raw data was collected and averaged from three biological samples and repeated twice for each condition. The ONE all-inclusive F980 software packaging was used to analyze the fluorescent lifetime data and to undertake decay fitting to approximate the IRF. Tail fitting was based on the Marquardt-Levenberg algorithm using a two exponential decay fit, which in almost all cases provided a higher quality fit to experimental data than a single exponential fit in these complex samples. The quality of fit was determined through chi-squared ( $\chi^2$ ) and residual plots. The average lifetime ( $\tau_{avg}$ ) of the donor in the FRET test sample and controls was obtained by TCSPC using equation 8 (eq 8):

$$\tau_{avg} = (\alpha_1 \tau_1^2 + \alpha_2 \tau_2^2) / (\alpha_1 \tau_1 + \alpha_2 \tau_2) \quad (\text{eq 8}),$$

where  $\tau$  is the lifetime and  $\alpha$  is the pre-exponential factor for each of the two exponential functions. The efficiency of energy transfer for different acceptors and donors was calculated using the donor in the presence and absence of the acceptor using equation 9 (eq 9):

$$E_d = 1 - \tau_{avgDA} / \tau_{avgD} \quad (\text{eq 9}),$$

where  $E$  is the FRET efficiency,  $\tau_{avgDA}$  is the PL lifetime of a donor-labeled antibody that is co-conjugated onto an exosome sample with an acceptor-labeled antibody (i.e. from the "FRET sample"), and  $\tau_{avgD}$  is the PL lifetime of a donor-labeled antibody conjugated onto an exosomes sample in the presence of acceptor free in solution (i.e., from control 2). In addition, the distance of separation between donor and acceptor ( $r$ ) was quantified using Förster distance ( $R_0$ , 6.4 Å) in the equation 10 (eq 10):

$$r = \sqrt[6]{[(1/E) - 1] * R_0} \quad (\text{eq 10}).$$

#### 4.2.6 Statistical analysis

Analyses were performed using Prism GraphPad scientific 2D graphing and statistical software, version 9.1.1 (223) for macOS, April 16, 2021, San Diego, California. The six replicates' data from FRET samples and controls were tested for normality of distribution by constructing a Quantile-Quantile (Q-Q) graphical scatterplot using the Normality Tests diagnostic function. To confirm the statistical difference between FRET samples and controls, a two-tailed t-test was applied with a confidence level set to 95% and based on statistical significance ( $p$ -value  $<0.05$ ).

### 4.3 RESULTS

This section describes the results from several steps. In order to collect accurate and sufficient data from the experiment, several steps were followed. First, the antibodies were labeled with fluorophore dyes to later take part in the FRET-based assay. Second, the degree of labeling was measured to ensure the quality of the assay. For that, the concentration of the dyes in the FRET samples was defined. Third, selected FRET pairs were tested first on A549 cell-derived exosomes to select the most efficient pair/pairs. Finally, the pair/pairs showing greatest percentage of efficiency were further tested on negative controls: WI-38 cell-derived exosomes and breath-derived exosomes. The results of each step are reported below.

#### 4.3.1 Labeling antibodies and determination of degree of labeling

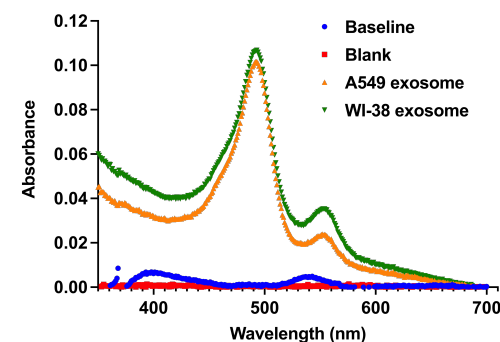
Antibodies were labeled as described in 4.2.1, and the degree of labeling was determined as described in 4.2.2. Because the presence of unlabeled or multiple-labeled antibodies can alter the FRET signal, determination of this parameter was critical for FRET experiments to ensure reproducibility and quality control of fluorescence intensity of fluorophore-labeled bioconjugates. The results of degree of labeling are shown in Table 11.

**Table 13. Degree of labeling after labeling antibodies with selected fluorophore pairs AF488/AF546.**

Donor (AF488) + proposed biomarker	Donor	Acceptor (AF546) + proposed biomarker	Acceptor
CD81	8.642	CD63	5.894
RHOC	8.21	CD151	5.43
GLUT	8.34	MYOF	5.75
CD151	7.98	MYOF	4.54
CD151	8.28	GLUT	5.97

In general, the ideal degree of labeling for both donor and acceptor labeled antibodies is considered within the acceptable range of 2 to 10 (dye molecules per protein)<sup>649</sup>. That suggests that results reported in Table 13 are within the acceptable levels of labeling.

For reproducibility of the experiment, it was necessary to measure the apparent dye concentration in the dye-labeled antibody solutions to get the dye concentrations in the controls and the sample to match. That was done to keep data consistency. The absorbance spectra for the dye component in cell-derived exosomes that was conjugated to antibodies is shown on Figure 54.



**Figure 54. The absorbance spectra for the dye component in cell-derived exosomes conjugated to antibodies.** On the figure, A549 exosomes are represented by orange line and WI-38 exosomes are shown in green. The baseline is represented by the blue line, while blank is by the red line. The Y-axis represents absorbance values, and X-axis represents wavelength (nm). The figure was generated by using Prism GraphPad Software (version 9.1.1) for macOS, San Diego, California.

The concentration of the dye components of the fluorescently labeled antibodies are shown in Table 14.

**Table 14. Absorbance values of dyes and their concentration in the sample.** The concentration of dye component in exosomes conjugated with fluorescent labeled antibodies was calculated based on dyes' absorbance values and the extinction coefficients were taken from the literature<sup>648</sup>.

Sample	Dye	Absorbance values	Extinction coefficients (liter/mol-cm)	Concentration ( $\mu$ M)
A549	AF488	0.097137	71000	1.368
A549	AF546	0.022299	104000	0.214
WI-38	AF488	0.102822	71000	1.448
WI-38	AF546	0.032806	104000	0.31544

After antibodies were labeled and the degree of labeling was determined, the next step was testing FRET pairs on A549 cell-derived exosomes.

#### 4.3.2 Determination of the FRET efficiency on general tetraspanin EV markers (preliminary study)

Although widely used in molecular diagnostics, FRET-based assays have not been previously applied to confirm the presence of exosomes by using protein biomarkers. In this study, two fluorophore dyes AF488 (donor) and AF546 (acceptor) were chosen as the donor and acceptor respectively, as these had been successfully used in FRET experiments<sup>625</sup>. First, the FRET assay was tested with labeled (the chosen dyes were attached to an antibody) antibodies corresponding general tetraspanin EV markers (CD63 and CD81) which are embedded in the surface of exosomes. The key, sample, and controls selected to assess the potential for non-specific interactions chosen for the experiment are presented on Figure 55.

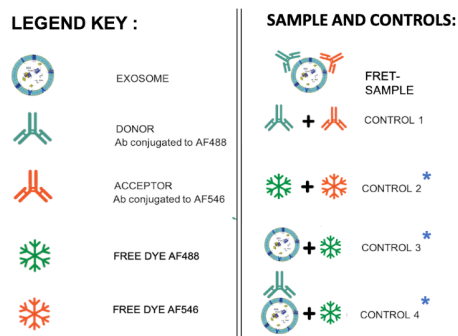


Figure 55. Legend key for the initial FRET experiment. Controls 2-4 marked by an asterisk were later modified.

The results of the FRET experiment based on the data of six replicates for each sample are reported in Figure 56, where panel A represents all controls previously defined in Figure 55, and panels B-D show the FRET outcome for cell- and breath-derived exosomes compared to the controls.

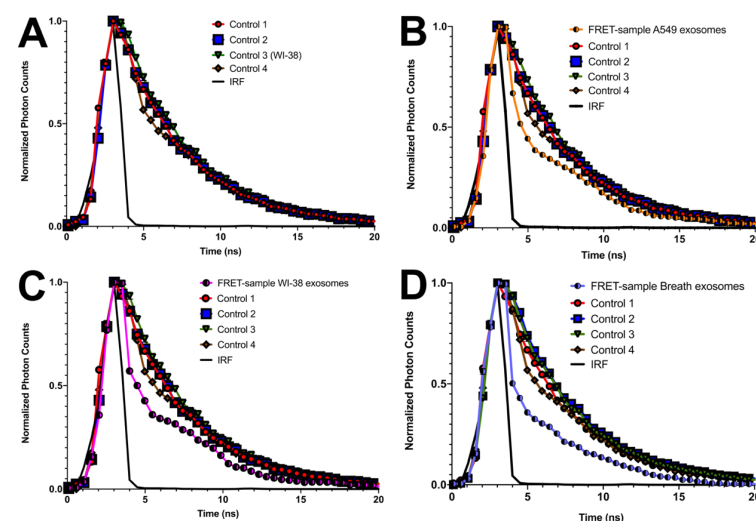


Figure 56. PL lifetime analysis of cell- and breath-derived exosomes labeled with general tetraspanin antibodies. PL lifetimes obtained by TCSPC with excitation wavelength ( $\lambda_{ex}$ ) of 380 nm and emission measured at a wavelength ( $\lambda_{em}$ ) of 520 nm of (A) controls and (B,C) cell (A549, WI-38 respectively)- and (D) breath-derived exosomes conjugated with fluorescently labeled antibodies corresponding to the general tetraspanin markers (CD63 and CD81) showing four selected controls and FRET (donor-acceptor) samples. Antibodies against the selected biomarkers for these measurements were labeled as follows: anti-CD63 AF488 - anti-CD81 AF546. Controls on panels B-D are identical to those shown on panel A. The Y-axis represents normalized photon counts, and X-axis represents decay time (ns). The instrument response (IRF) is shown on each panel in black. The experiment was performed on three biological samples and run in duplicate. The error bars represent standard deviation. Some error bars are not visible as the data in the duplicates were close to identical. The figure was generated by using Prism GraphPad Software (version 9.1.1) for macOS, San Diego, California.

Based on experimental data, a significant decrease was observed in the PL lifetime of the donor when the dye-conjugates were attached to antibodies against the general tetraspanin EV markers CD63 and CD81 and incubated with any of A549 cell - (43.8% efficiency), WI-38 cell - (44.3% efficiency), or breath-derived exosomes (55.9% efficiency) (Table 15).

Table 15. PL lifetime analysis of cell- and breath-derived exosomes labeled with fluorophore-conjugated general tetraspanin antibodies. Emission decay analysis of a pair of antibodies corresponding to general tetraspanin markers (CD63 and CD81) on cell- and breath-derived exosomes. The data was collected from three biological samples run in duplicate.

Source of exosome	$\tau_{avg}$ (ns)	$\tau_{avg}$ cntl (ns)	E (%)	r (nm)	$p^a$
A549	2.02±0.010	3.59±0.005	43.8	7.34	7.7x10 <sup>-22</sup>
WI-38	2.02±0.001	3.63±0.003	44.3	7.35	6.0x10 <sup>-24</sup>
Breath	1.59±0.003	3.60±0.004	55.9	7.13	1.4x10 <sup>-23</sup>

$\tau_{avg}$  – PL lifetime of FRET pairs, shown ± standard deviation;  $\tau_{avg}$  cntl – PL lifetime of control, PL lifetime of the exosomes conjugated with a AF488 labeled antibody in the presence of free AF546 dye control, shown ± standard deviation; E (%) – FRET efficiency; r – distance between the donor and acceptor fluorophores

<sup>a</sup> p-values from unpaired, two-tailed t-test comparing PL lifetime of sample to control



As expected, given this experiment was using general tetraspanin EV markers, the lifetime decay for both cell-derived exosomes is almost identical, which resulted in a very similar FRET efficiency. Lifetime decay for breath exosomes was slightly faster than in cell-derived exosomes reporting higher efficiency. At that point a positive outcome observed in reduction in PL lifetimes was expected as these markers (CD63 and CD81) are both known to be abundant on exosomes. The ability of a FRET-based assay to distinguish between cancerous and non-tumorigenic exosomes was tested via the use of the proposed biomarkers (CD151, GLUT, MYOF and RhoC) and described in the next subchapter 4.3.3.

#### 4.3.3 Determination of the FRET efficiency of proposed biomarkers

For this experiment, antibodies corresponding to proposed biomarkers were labeled with the donors (CD151, GLUT, and RHOC) and the acceptors (CD151, GLUT, and MYOF) creating four pairs: RHOC-CD151, GLUT-MYOF, CD151-MYOF, and CD151-GLUT (Fig. 57).

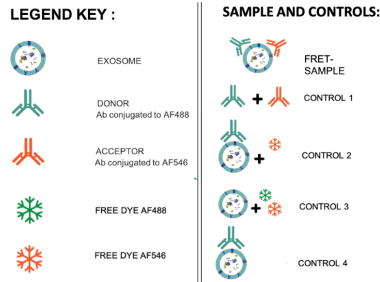


Figure 57. Various controls and FRET samples for the FRET-based detection assay.

Among these four pairs, separate donor-labeled and acceptor-labeled samples of CD151 and GLUT were prepared. This decision was determined by the choice to test two of the markers as both donor and acceptor and opted to use the strongest (GLUT) and weakest (CD151) bands on the blot in Figure 35 for this purpose. Controls were selected to assess the potential for non-specific interactions, as shown in Appendix, Figs. S 1-10.

First, PL lifetime measurements of dyes and conjugated dyes were collected. There were no change between the isolated donor dyes' photoluminescence (PL) and that of the conjugated complexes (Fig. S 11). Then, PL lifetime measurements were carried out with A549 cell-derived exosomes with pairs of donor- and acceptor-labeled antibodies (Fig. 58).

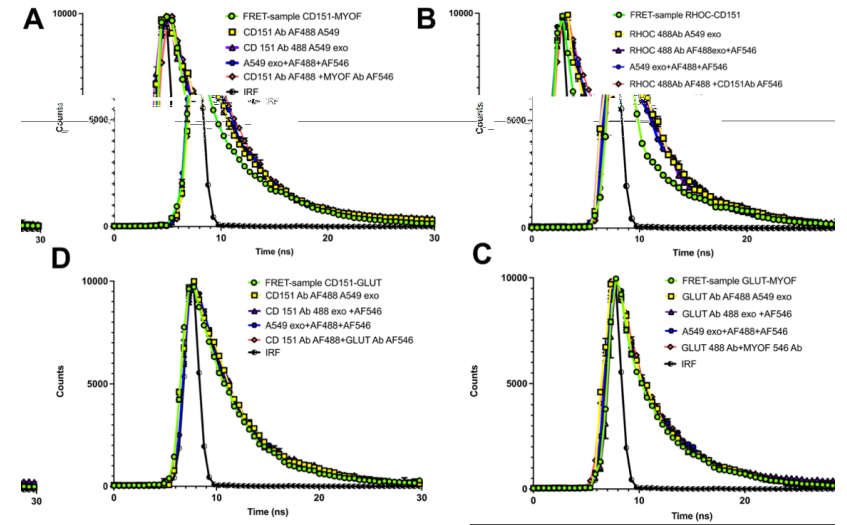


Figure 58. PL lifetime analysis of A549 cell-derived exosomes labeled with proposed biomarkers. PL lifetimes obtained by time-correlated single photon counting (TCSPC) ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 380 nm;  $\lambda_{em}$  = 520 nm) of A549 cell-derived exosomes conjugated with fluorescently labeled antibodies corresponding to the proposed biomarkers in combination of (A) CD151-MYOF, (B) RhoC-CD151, (C) GLUT-MYOF, and (D) CD151-GLUT respectively showing four selected controls and FRET (donor-acceptor) samples. Antibodies against the selected biomarkers for these measurements were labeled as follows: CD151 AF488-MYOF AF546, RhoC AF488-CD151 AF546, GLUT AF488-MYOF AF546, and CD151 AF488-GLUT AF546. The Y-axis represents normalized photon counts, and X-axis represents decay time (ns). The instrument response (IRF) is shown on each panel in black (dashed). The experiment was performed on three biological samples and run in duplicate. The error bars represent standard deviation. Some error bars are not visible as the data in the duplicates were close to identical. The figure was generated by using Prism GraphPad Software (version 9.1.1) for macOS, San Diego, California.

The FRET efficiency was calculated for all proposed pairs. The derived data is in Table 16.

Table 16. PL lifetime analysis of A549 cell-derived exosomes labeled with fluorophore-conjugated antibodies corresponding proposed biomarkers. Emission decay analysis of pairs of antibodies corresponding proposed biomarkers. The data was collected from three biological samples run in duplicate.

FRET pairs	$\tau_{avg}$ (ns)	$\tau_{avg}$ cntl (ns)	E (%)	r (nm)	$p^a$
CD151-MYOF	3.94±0.010	4.25±0.075	7.30	9.77	1.2x10 <sup>-4</sup>
RhoC-CD151	3.40±0.027	4.29±0.027	20.8	8.00	2.2x10 <sup>-15</sup>
GLUT-MYOF	4.22±0.032	4.33±0.008	2.53	11.8	9.5x10 <sup>-6</sup>
CD151-GLUT <sup>b</sup>	4.29±0.043	4.02±0.039	NA	NA	4.5x10 <sup>-7</sup>

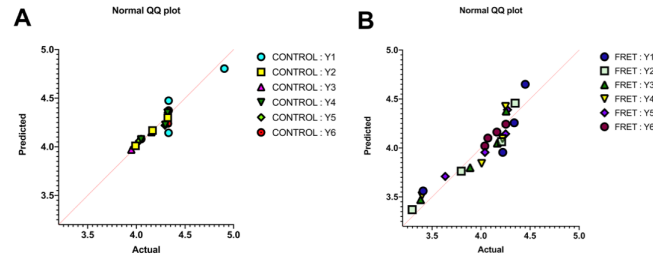
$\tau_{avg}$  – PL lifetime of FRET pairs, shown  $\pm$  standard deviation;  $\tau_{avg}$  cntl – PL lifetime of control, PL lifetime of the exosomes conjugated with a AF488 labeled antibody in the presence of free AF546 dye control, shown  $\pm$  standard deviation; E (%) – FRET efficiency; r – distance between the donor and acceptor fluorophores

<sup>a</sup> p-values from unpaired, two-tailed t-test comparing PL lifetime of sample to control

<sup>b</sup> The derived data for pair CD151-GLUT is not shown as the lifetime of the sample was longer than the controls.

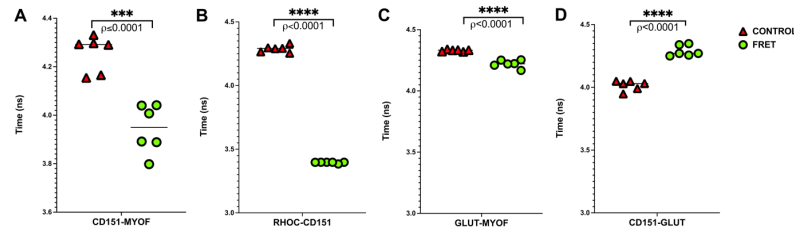
The data in Table 16 confirms that the highest FRET efficiency occurred in the CD151-MYOF and RhoC-CD151. Therefore, we decided to proceed only with these two pairs, CD151-MYOF and RhoC-CD151, that are significant and have the largest difference between the control and FRET-samples. No efficiency or spacing is calculated for the CD151-GLUT pair, given the increase lifetime in the FRET sample noted above.

Then, the six replicates' data were tested for normality of distribution by constructing a Quantile-Quantile (Q-Q plot) (Fig. 59). The data in the scatterplot lies along the diagonal, confirming that the data is normally distributed.



**Figure 59.** Normal Q-Q (Quantile-Quantile) scatterplots. The Q-Q scatterplots are showing Control and FRET sets of quantiles to confirm the normal distribution. The Y-axis represents theoretical quantiles, and X-axis represents sample quantiles ( $n=6$ ). The figure was generated by using Prism GraphPad Software (version 9.1.1) for macOS, San Diego, California.

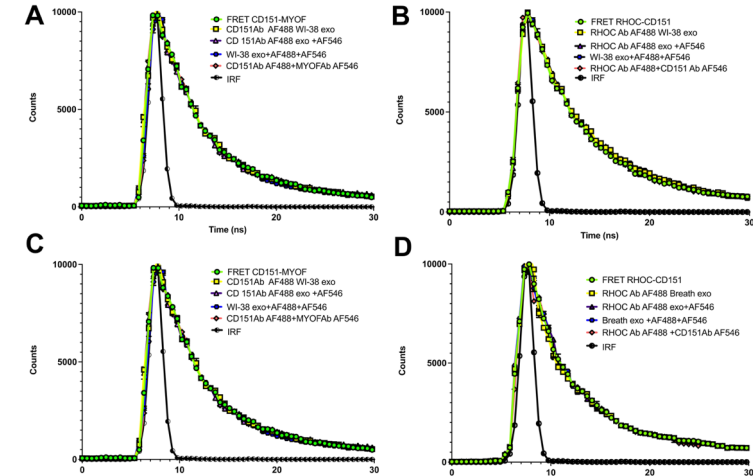
After verifying that data from these experiments was normally distributed, controls and FRET-sample pairs were compared using the t-test. T-test was performed to identify whether the fluorescence lifetimes in the samples were significantly different from the controls (Fig. 60).



**Figure 60.** T-test statistical analysis of FRET pairs on A549 cell-derived exosomes. Statistical representation of the two-tailed t-test for all proposed FRET pairs: (A) CD151-MYOF, (B) RHO C-CD151, (C) GLUT-MYOF, and (D) CD151-GLUT ( $n=6$ ) when tested on exosome isolated from A549 cells. The  $p$ -value for all pairs was equal (A) or below 0.0001 showing very significant results. The Y-axis represents the decay time (ns). The figure was generated by using Prism GraphPad Software (version 9.1.1) for macOS, San Diego, California.

From the results of the t-test, two pairs were excluded. Although pairs GLUT-MYOF (C) and CD151-GLUT (D) did show a statistically significant difference ( $p < 0.0001$ ), the absolute difference between samples and controls for the GLUT-MYOF pair was very small, which could hamper future application to a diagnostic assay. Unexpectedly, the data for the FRET sample with the CD151-GLUT pair showed a longer lifetime than the controls.

The confirmation of hypothesis by evidence allowed moving to the final step of the experimental study: to confirm that the proposed FRET-based assay was able to distinguish between exosomes derived from a model of lung cancer (A549 cells) and exosomes derived from other sources (WI-38 cells and EBC of healthy volunteers) (Fig. 61). The FRET-samples and controls were chosen following the same combinations annotated in Figure 57.



**Figure 61.** PL lifetime analysis of WI-38 cell- and breath-derived exosomes labeled with proposed biomarkers. PL lifetimes obtained by time-correlated single photon counting (TCSPC) ( $\lambda_{exc}=380$  nm;  $\lambda_{em}=520$  nm) of (A,B) WI-38 cell- and (C,D) breath-derived exosomes conjugated with fluorescently labeled antibodies corresponding to the most efficient pairs of proposed biomarkers in combination of CD151-MYOF and RhoC-CD151 respectively showing four selected controls and FRET (donor-acceptor) samples. Antibodies against the selected biomarkers for these measurements were labeled as follows: (A,C) CD151 AF488-MYOF AF546 and (B, D) RhoC AF488-CD151 AF546. The Y-axis represents normalized photon counts, and X-axis represents decay time (ns). The instrument response (IRF) is shown on each panel in black (dashed). The experiment was performed on three biological samples and run in duplicate. The error bars represent standard deviation. Some error bars are not visible as the data in the duplicates were close to identical. The figure was generated by using Prism GraphPad Software (version 9.1.1) for macOS, San Diego, California.

The decay lifetimes of the FRET samples and controls for WI-38 cell- and breath-derived exosomes were very similar. The derived lifetime data of these pairs is shown in Table 17.

**Table 17. PL lifetime analysis of successful FRET pairs on negative control samples.** Emission decay analysis of the most efficient pairs of fluorophore-conjugated antibodies (RHOC-CD151 and CD151-MYOF) tested on negative controls (WI-38 cell (annotated as W)- and breath (annotated as B)-derived exosomes). The data was collected from three biological samples run in duplicate.

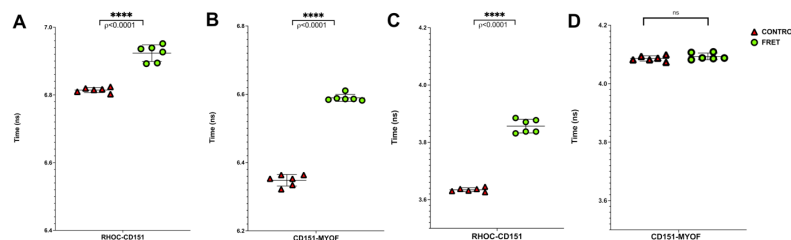
FRET pairs	$\tau_{avg}$ (ns)	$\tau_{avg}$ cntl (ns)	E (%) <sup>b</sup>	r (nm) <sup>b</sup>	$p^a$
CD151-MYOF (W)	6.59±0.010	6.35±0.017	NA	NA	4.1x10 <sup>-14</sup>
RhoC-CD151 (W)	6.92±0.025	6.81±0.008	NA	NA	1.1x10 <sup>-6</sup>
CD151-MYOF (B)	4.09±0.011	4.09±0.009	NA	NA	0.3
RhoC-CD151 (B)	3.86±0.024	3.63±0.007	NA	NA	8.2x10 <sup>-10</sup>

$\tau_{avg}$  – PL lifetime of FRET pairs, shown ± standard deviation;  $\tau_{avg}$  cntl – PL lifetime of the exosomes conjugated with a AF488 labeled antibody in the presence of free AF546 dye control, shown ± standard deviation; E (%) – FRET efficiency; r – distance between the donor and acceptor fluorophores

<sup>a</sup> p-values from unpaired, two-tailed T tests comparing PL lifetime of sample to control

<sup>b</sup> The derived data for all pairs is not shown as the lifetime of the sample was longer/or equal than/to the controls.

After verifying that data from these experiments was normally distributed, controls and FRET-sample pairs were compared using the t-test (Fig. 62).



**Figure 62. T-test statistical analysis of FRET pairs on WI-38 cell- and breath-derived exosomes.** Statistical representation of the two-tailed t-test (n=6) for two chosen FRET pairs, RHOC-CD151 and CD151-MYOF, tested on negative control samples (A,B) WI-38 cell- and (C,D) breath-derived exosomes. The p-value for all pairs, except CD151-MYOF for (D) breath-derived exosomes, was below 0.0001 showing extremely significant results. Pair CD151-MYOF has a non-significant p-value ( $p = 0.2674$ ). The Y-axis represents the decay time (ns). The figure was generated by using Prism GraphPad Software (version 9.1.1) for macOS, San Diego, California.

Whilst three of the four samples showed statistically significant differences between the FRET sample and the control ( $p < 0.0001$ ), the magnitude of the differences for CD151-MYOF pair tested on breath-derived exosomes was relatively small ( $p = 0.2674$ ), and with the slightly shorter lifetimes found in the controls – the opposite of what would be expected for FRET.

Put together, these results showed that two of our proposed pairs of biomarkers can distinguish exosomes derived from a cell model of lung cancer and from exosomes derived from a model of normal lung tissue or from the breath of healthy volunteers.

## 4.4 DISCUSSION

The research challenge in this chapter was associated with choosing suitable methods and techniques to test several pairs of biomarkers that were combinations of the putative biomarkers identified as a result of the proteomic analysis identified in Chapter 3.

The clinical relevance of FRET-based assays has been shown in oncology, protein-protein interaction, micro RNAs, diagnosis of infectious disease (bacterial infection and sepsis), prenatal screening, in point-of-care devices, and including their application to cancer diagnostic assays<sup>633</sup>.

One of the challenges in this chapter was to develop a more straightforward FRET-based assay system to determine the co-location of a pair of biomarkers, which we reasoned would lead to higher diagnostic specificity than a single marker. As has been previously mentioned in 4.1.2., FRET depends on distance-dependent energy transfer between a donor and acceptor pair of fluorophores. Therefore, chosen marker pairs would need to both be present as abundant constituents of the same exosome, a characteristic we hoped would readily distinguish between exosomes from a model of lung cancer and from models of normal lung. The energy transfer associated with FRET can be determined by differences in PL, intensity, or by detection of the fluorescence lifetime. Time-resolved fluorescence lifetime measurements have the advantage that they are independent of the concentration of the fluorophores, and so were chosen as the basis for the assay system in this study. Quantitative FRET measurements were employed. Achieving this milestone required making of custom fluorescent-labeled antibodies corresponding to appropriate donor and acceptor pairs followed by conjugation of these custom labels with different sources of exosomes. The fluorophore pair AF488/AF546 was chosen as the ideal combination to attain this goal.

In order to obtain high-quality FRET data, several appropriate controls were selected. Selected antibodies corresponding to the proposed biomarkers identified in Chapter 3 were directly labeled with fluorophore dyes and exploited in the experimental study.

During the selection process six pairs of fluorophore candidates (AF488/546, AF488/514, AF488/532, AF647/680, AF647/700, AND AF647/750) were taken for consideration, given they had appropriate levels of spectral overlap. The final choice was made after confirming the performance of the dyes based on the distance separating the donor and acceptor and the brightness and stability of the fluorophores. Based on a review of literature that reports data analysis results of FRET pairs tested on biological systems, one out of the six previously mentioned FRET pairs, AF488/546, was considered optimal. It appears, that the

same FRET pair had been used in several studies where AF488 played a role as a donor and AF546 was an acceptor<sup>625,650,651</sup>. In the first study, the pair was successfully used to support nano communication by playing roles as nano transmitters and receivers creating multi-input multi-output FRET communication channels. The results of this study showed that the AF488/546 pair was the most successful pair compared to AF405/488 and AF405/546<sup>625</sup>. A second paper utilized the same fluorophore dyes to study protein-protein interactions suggesting that their application to in solution FRET would have value in drug discovery and could potentially be developed into a drug screening platform<sup>650</sup>. A further study investigated bleed-through from excitation leading to cross talk in emission detection. The study pointed out that the concentration of the donor and acceptor should be in the same order of magnitude to result in accurate calculation of FRET efficiency<sup>651</sup>. After demonstrating meeting the needs of FRET requirements, the AF488/546 pair was selected for conjugation with proposed biomarkers.

The FRET experiment began with labeling antibodies and determination of the degree of labeling. First, the selection of donors and acceptors for proposed antibodies took place. Previously, in 4.1.2 it was said that the efficiency of FRET-based assay depends on the choice of FRET pairs (donor and acceptor fluorophore dyes) that are essential for the high performance of the assay. The choice of labeling antibodies with the donors or the acceptors and the pair placement was made based on the result from western blotting reported in Chapter 3 (Fig. 35, Appendix Figs. S 1-10), specifically, the width of the band. Because the method of FRET efficiency was chosen to be based on the detection of the donor fluorophore's lifetime, antibodies with strong distinct bands were labeled with the donors. The biomarkers that formed the most distinct bands in the western blot experiment were conjugated with the acceptor fluorophore. That resulted in forming four pairs (donor-acceptor): RHOC-CD151, GLUT-MYOF, CD151-MYOF, and CD151-GLUT.

Labeling antibodies was not the end point of this step. It was necessary to know the concentration of dye conjugated to antibodies as it was an essential point for selected controls ensuring a good quality of the assay. For that, the degree of protein labeling based on the antibodies and dye absorbances had to be determined. Although choosing the ideal FRET pair was essential, the optimization of labeled antibodies was equally important. To ensure that the FRET signal would be maximized, it was necessary to minimize any interference during the labeling process. Following that, the unbound dye was removed through the gel filtration process using buffer exchange columns. That was critical for the labeled antibodies to

recognize protein on the surface of exosomes. Use of appropriate controls and replicate experiments ensured that high quality data was obtained.

FRET assays have not been previously applied to confirm exosomes by using protein biomarkers. Given this lack of prior art, before proceeding to test its application with the proposed protein biomarkers, it was first attempted using general tetraspanin EV markers CD63 and CD81. This was undertaken to test the specificity and sensitivity of this FRET-based assay. The assay was developed following several steps. First, EBC was collected and followed by exosome isolation (ultracentrifugation). Exosomes were then stored at 4 °C until the next step. Second, antibodies corresponding to the proposed biomarkers were labeled with a selected donor and acceptor fluorophore pair. After removal of any excess dye, exosomes were incubated with the labeled antibodies. Exosomes were re-isolated by SEC to pellet unconjugated dyes and antibodies. Third, samples containing several controls and exosome samples conjugated with labeled donor and acceptor were prepared and followed by lifetime measurements. The expectations of the detection methods were as followed. If FRET occurs, the lifetime of the donor will be much shorter in the FRET system than in a control where the dyes are not brought into close proximity.

As described above, the first step was set up initially using the known tetraspanin EV markers, anti-CD63 and anti-CD81, and exosomes were conjugated with a pair of fluorescently labeled antibodies corresponding to these markers. At that point a positive outcome was expected as these markers are both known to be abundant on exosomes. The second step was to test the selective detection of exosome from the A549 lung cancer cell model via the use of the proposed biomarkers (CD151, GLUT, MYOF and RhoC). Several pairwise combinations of CD151, GLUT, MYOF, and RhoC were tested. At the outset of this study, it was uncertain whether the biomarkers proposed on the basis of the proteomic analysis in Chapter 3 would be present in sufficient abundance and suitably co-located in order to generate a distinct FRET signal. Although, the proposed biomarkers were previously validated by western blotting as has been shown on Figure 35, neither pairs containing GLUT provided a large reduction in fluorescence lifetime and failed to evidence energy transfer in our assay. However, pairs containing CD151 showed the highest FRET efficiencies (20.8%).

The fact that cancer cell growth is associated with increased glucose metabolism was reported a long time ago and is well-documented. In addition, many studies had reported the overexpression of GLUT protein, especially GLUT-1, in a variety of malignancies and so is associated with tumor growth<sup>652-655</sup>. One study based on the proteomic analysis reported GLUT-1 and other two exosome membrane proteins as potential breast cancer biomarkers<sup>656</sup>.

The GLUT-1 was only detected in exosomes isolated from the breast cancer cell line and were absent in non-cancerous epithelial cell-derived exosomes.

In contrast, the CD151-MYOF and RhoC-CD151 pairs showed high enough FRET efficiency to conclude that energy transfer on A549 cell-derived exosomes was successful. The clinical significance of CD151 gene expression predicting the behavior of lung cancer has been reported in several studies. CD151 gene has been reported that one of the markers associated with an early stage of metastasis<sup>657</sup>. The same gene was shown to be associated with poor outcome in respiratory disease, such as asthma, influenza, and pulmonary fibrosis, including lung cancer, suggesting that CD151 should be considered as a biomarker that can be used in screening and also as a prognostic tool<sup>658</sup>. Furthermore, CD151 has been proposed to target exosomes to tissues including lung, lymph node, and stroma<sup>659</sup>. The clinical usefulness of CD151 as a cancer biomarker was illustrated with in a study that demonstrated that CD151 protein embedded on the surface of exosomes is as powerful a marker of squamous cell cancer and SCLC as multimarker models<sup>171</sup>. The overexpression of CD151 was also studied in lung tissue samples obtained from surgically resected NSLC also suggesting the importance value of CD151 as a biomarker<sup>660</sup>. In this study, we had presented results of application of CD151 as a putative protein biomarker for cancer diagnosis in the FRET assay in two different combinations, CD151-MYOF and RhoC-CD151, which were the only two combinations showing higher FRET efficiency and therefore successfully detected lung cancer exosomes.

Although myoferlin has been mostly associated with breast and pancreatic cancer, there is evidence that myoferlin can act as a novel target for detection of lung cancer<sup>526</sup>, and is a potential candidate in clinical diagnosis<sup>661</sup>. In addition, a recent study identified its role in inhibition of the proliferation of cancer cells<sup>662</sup>.

Whereas the overexpression of RhoC proteins in various types of cancer has been reported, the role of RhoC protein in cancer still needs to be elucidated<sup>663</sup>. A functional study of lung cancer metastasis suggested that RhoC contributes to metastasis by mediating cell motility but does not affect tumor growth<sup>664</sup>. The overexpression of RhoC proteins was also a subject of Lu's research group, who also confirmed the effect of the protein on cell motility, proposing it initiates the chain of changes in the epithelia-mesenchymal transitions process, which then causes rearrangement in the cytoskeleton contributing to tumor metastasis<sup>543</sup>. In addition, RhoC protein belongs to the superfamily of proteins that has been known to be involved in dysregulation of guanosine diphosphate (GDP)-hydrolyze guanosine triphosphate (GTP) cycle that plays a crucial role in cancer development<sup>665,666</sup>.

To validate the hypothesis that proposed biomarkers can only be detected on cancer cell-derived exosomes, exosomes from WI-38 cells and human breath were tested. The proposed biomarkers were not evident in exosomes from these sources by western blotting or FRET (Figs. 35 and 62, respectively).

It is rare that a single biomarker can provide an accurate diagnosis. The goal of biomarker discovery is frequently to identify several biomarkers that can be developed together into an assay for tumor diagnosis. There are several examples utilizing FRET with protein cancer biomarkers to monitor disease reponses in testicular<sup>667</sup>, prostate<sup>668</sup>, breast<sup>669</sup>, and ovarian cancers<sup>670</sup>.

#### 4.1 Limitations

This study is based on potential biomarkers chosen for their presence in exosomes from a single cell model of lung cancer. It is not known if these are general markers of lung cancer or simply markers of the A549 cells and so this study includes some limitations. The success of this experimental design was directly related to specific methodological choices.

Firstly, one of the limitations is assay sensitivity and so the limit of detection needs to be established. This is required to determine the volume of EBC required in order to get detectable signal in a future clinical diagnostic assay. This is the most important limitation for taking future work into clinical trial. Briefly, in this study, the total volume of EBC collected for one sample was 34 mL. That required participation of 20 volunteers from which EBC was pooled. Given the fact that each volunteer contributed 2 mL on average into a pooled sample breathing for 30 min, this would add up to 10 hours of breathing if a sample were to be collected from a single individual. This seems almost impossible to expect from a lung cancer patient.

Secondly, it would be highly desirable not to have to do large amounts of sample preparation for a lung cancer bioassay. This study shows that some form of exosome enrichment is required as exosome markers cannot be detected in whole breath, however a range of exosome enrichment strategies has not been investigated in order to see which would be the easiest and quickest to do as part of a diagnostic test, whilst still giving a FRET signal from general tetraspanin EV markers. Further work with healthy volunteers is required.

Finally, the goal of this study was not to identify final biomarkers, but to assess whether there was any potential to discover and detect potential biomarkers on exosomes. There was no clinical validation to support the proposed biomarkers. It is certainly possible that the biomarkers presented in this study might be unable to distinguish between healthy individuals

and those with lung cancer. Recommendations that need to be taken into consideration to explore the full potential of breath exosomes are required using additional lung cancer models, and ultimately clinical studies to determine the ideal combination of exosome-based biomarkers.

#### 4.5 CONCLUSION

The aim of the research presented in this chapter was to develop a sensitive test for the presence of the selected biomarkers of lung cancer found on exosomes from cell models identified in Chapter 3. The aim was achieved through two objectives: labeling the antibodies corresponding to the proposed biomarkers, and determination of the FRET efficiency of each proposed fluorescent labeled antibody pair by conjugating them with all sources of exosomes with the end goal of selecting one to two pairs using a FRET-based assay using time-correlated single photon counting.

This study has shown that the FRET-based assay was able to distinguish between lung cancer cell-derived exosomes and exosomes isolated from breath of healthy volunteers and a cell model of normal lung tissue based on identified potential biomarkers of lung cancer using a proteomic analysis. This study confirms that data from time-resolved studies can be used for a sensitive test to confirm the presence of cancer biomarkers.

Briefly, the concept of using a FRET-based test was first assessed with the general tetraspanin EV markers, anti-CD63 and anti-CD81. These findings suggested that this assay functioned satisfactorily enough to continue with proposed biomarkers. Further, this aspect of the study indicates that a FRET-based assay can be considered as a new way to prove the presence of exosomes. This step also confirmed the sensitivity of this assay.

In this study, four proposed combinations of labeled antibodies corresponding to proposed biomarkers were tested. Two of these combinations, RHOC-CD151 and CD151-MYOF labeled with fluorophore pairs AF488/546, were effective in distinguishing exosomes from a model of lung cancer from exosomes isolated from a healthy lung cell model and human breath collected from healthy volunteers. On the other hand, the pairs GLUT-MYOF and CD151-GLUT showed no significant difference resulting in absence of FRET signal suggesting that the proposed combinations do not have a strong specificity for lung cancer, although their signal was previously reported through western blotting.

The findings of this study suggest that the data from time-resolved studies can be applicable for a sensitive test to validate the presence of cancer biomarkers. The study

contributes to our understanding that exosome proteins can be used to distinguish between healthy and lung cancer exosomes. These results add to the rapidly expanding field of exosomes and their use for diagnostics, although further optimization is required as described in the next Chapter 5.



## CHAPTER 5. FUTURE WORK

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The research presented in this thesis opened new opportunities and highlighted several topics for further research.

In this study, the determination of a benchmark healthy lung exosome proteome was conducted using samples from patients in a variety of age groups, with a majority representing young adulthood (18 to 30 years). Future studies should draw on a range of groups as age diversity to ensure that the population is widely represented including geriatric patients. Additionally, including sex-gender variables in the research data has been recommended to evaluate the risk and benefits for each group<sup>671</sup>. In this study no distinction was made between proteins because samples were pooled, and it was not possible to differentiate samples. Gender differences and individual variations in comprehensive analysis of proteome samples have been previously reported<sup>598,599</sup>. Another suggestion that can be made is to increase the number of volunteers in order to create a larger data set and therefore provide a better insight into the breath proteome.

This study investigated the breath proteome only from healthy volunteers. It will be interesting to see how the proteome of exosomes from lung cancer patients differs. Unfortunately, due to time limitations, the characterization of human breath proteome from lung cancer patients was not possible in this thesis. Characterization of the human lung cancer proteome collected from exhaled breath will be critical to verify the utility of the biomarkers that were proposed during this research study and validate those markers by proposed method of detection, the FRET-based assay. Biomarkers can identify or recognize the disease and indicate its stage. Therefore, characterization of the proteome of exosomes from the breath of cancer patients ideally needs to be conducted in patients in different age groups and with different stages of lung cancer to obtain a full picture.

Several questions arising from this research should be addressed in future studies. First, it will be beneficial to find out if the proposed biomarkers are general for lung cancer or specific for A549 cells. For that, further cell models need to be tested. In this thesis, we have only used a healthy lung cell model (WI-38), which did behave as we expected. However, it would be useful to compare to other cell lines to determine the specificity of the proposed biomarkers. Cell models may not fully and accurately reflect the physiological condition they were chosen to represent. Validation of the proposed biomarkers will require different cell models. That will provide a linkage between the proposed biomarkers and a clinical end report evaluating its clinical usefulness.

Second, the breath collection technique is a difficult process and crucial for further advances in detecting biomarkers from breath. Ideally, the sample collection method should be adapted for personal physiology allowing collection to be simple and fast. With the current settings, described in this study, the collection will satisfy the goal of characterization of benchmark proteome from average of lung cancer patients, but will be difficult to apply on an individual as it will take several hours to collect the volume sufficient enough for analysis. To overcome these challenges, improving the performance of analytical methods that facilitates diagnosis on smaller sample volumes, whilst retaining a high degree of reproducibility, will be crucial. Third, before moving to clinical trials to test the proposed diagnostic tool on lung cancer patients, it is critical to establish the volume that would be necessary to perform the experiment on individual samples. Because in this study we collected and pooled samples, establishing the volume of the individual sample was not set as a goal, however it would be necessary to determine this for clinical use. Work with healthy volunteers is required to determine the limits of detection of the assay, to define the volume of EBC required for a clinical diagnostic assay. Once that is determined, clinical trial needs to take place. That will include collection of the breath from lung cancer patients following by exosome isolation. The putative markers first will need to be verified by western blotting before moving onto FRET detection.

Meanwhile, the proteome of lung cancer exosomes needs to be characterized. This has not been done yet, although EBC from cancer patients has been reported. For that, firstly, exhaled breath condensate from lung cancer patients needs to be collected and characterized to establish exosome-based biomarkers that are characteristic of lung cancer. Secondly, the same FRET detection method would be used to verify that the biomarkers can distinguish between cancer and healthy exosomes. A preliminary study conducted on a sample from one individual gave us a rough idea of the necessary volume to be sufficient for the analysis. One of the suggestions that we would like to make is to conduct studies on a series of samples of decreasing volumes, but the same concentration of the EBC collected from healthy individuals without pooling them together as it will give an excellent representation of volume and detection abilities for already established FRET-based assay.

Third, “multiplexed” detection involving three FRET pairs, or even multiple target detection using nano-assembled FRET-based systems can be used to improve sensitivity. For example, using exosomes in ensemble with lipids or DNA molecules. Ultimately, further development of a simple FRET-based diagnostic assay offers the possibility of a device that

can be used for a point-of-care testing. Application to early diagnosis of lung cancer based on exosomes isolated from breath is especially attractive.

Lastly, the characterization of breath exosomes can be expanded by investigating other molecular cargoes, such as RNA and lipids, in healthy and cancerous exosomes.

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## CHAPTER 6. GLOBAL CONCLUSION

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This thesis discusses breath-derived exosomes and their potential use in breath-based clinical applications for medical diagnostics for lung dysfunction, including cancer.

Although exosomes isolated from various biological fluids have been heavily studied and reported, breath has been overlooked as another source of exosomes<sup>601,672</sup>. Breath is an excellent source of exosomes that can be collected non-invasively, which is an advantage over some other biological fluids. Although there are several publications acknowledging their presence, breath exosomes have been poorly characterized<sup>275</sup>. This study identified and set out to fill this knowledge gap. The project's aim was to characterize breath-derived exosomes and evaluate whether they can be used in clinical diagnostics. Exosomes contain parent cell-specific proteins, suggesting that breath exosomes could be a useful tool for distinguishing between healthy and cancerous lungs. This has been recently proven on plasma exosomes<sup>673</sup>. Therefore, this study focused on exploring the proteome of exosomes secreted from cell models of normal lung tissue (WI-38 cells) and lung cancer (A549 cells). It was hypothesized that differentially expressed proteins could be used as biomarkers to help to identify lung dysfunction, including early-stage cancer. A proof-of-principle test for these biomarkers was developed, with a final goal to distinguish between lung cancer and healthy lung exosomes.

This project was divided into several aims and objectives which were addressed in three chapters: isolation and quantification of exosomes, proteomic profiling of cell- and breath-derived exosomes and identification of proposed biomarkers, and detection of exosomes-diagnostic application. Together, these chapters show the characterization of breath exosomes and provide a proof-of-principle for their use as a diagnostic tool.

Chapter 2 described the optimization of the methodology for exosome isolation. Two methods of isolation were discussed: ultracentrifugation and size-exclusion chromatography. For exosomes to be used for biomarker identification, it is important to obtain high quality exosomes that are free of contaminating protein aggregates or other vesicles. Experimental findings from this chapter revealed three key points. First, the methodology for isolation of high purity exosomes from EBC was established. The isolated vesicles were confirmed as exosomes through immunostaining with gold nanoparticles and were characterized by transmission electron microscopy, cryo-scanning electron microscopy, dynamic light scattering, and protein quantification assays. Exosomes isolated through SEC fractionation can be sufficiently pure and applicable for diagnostic purposes. However, the volume of biological fluid is a limitation of this method. On the other hand, samples that are as pure as from size

exclusion chromatography can be obtained through a modified ultracentrifugation method in which a large volume of the initial biological fluid is used. Second, the results suggested that highly characterized breath-derived exosomes are phenotypically consistent with exosomes from other sources. This was determined by comparing breath-derived exosomes to cell-derived exosomes from a lung cancer cell line and a healthy lung cell line. Finally, it was noted that buffers used for exosome isolation are likely to become contaminated when stored in labware. To avoid possible contamination, it is preferable to use freshly prepared buffers.

The aim of Chapter 3 was to identify putative biomarkers of lung disease, evaluate whether those may be revealed in the proteome of exosomes, and to characterize the proteome of breath-derived exosomes. This was achieved through proteomic analysis of the proteome of cell- and breath- derived exosomes. Proteomics employs mass spectrometry to detect, identify, and characterize proteins<sup>674</sup>. Analysis of differential protein expression can be used to identify candidate biomarker proteins that are present in cancer tissues and absent in normal tissue. The identification of clinically useful biomarkers for lung cancer detection in early stages is a primary issue and a medical need<sup>675</sup>.

Cell-derived exosomes were used initially to optimize the protocol. The fact that the cell count can be easily controlled allowed an estimation of the number of proteins that would be sufficient for proteomic analysis. Once the protocol was optimized, proteomic analysis of breath-derived exosomes was attempted, beginning with a sample collected from one individual only. The 2 mL starting volume of EBC collection did not provide enough proteins for detection, after accounting for peptide loss during the purified step using C18 tips. After increasing the volume collected and performing extensive optimization, visible protein peaks were finally seen. To determine the benchmark of a healthy breath-exosome proteome we conducted a study in which 55 healthy participants donated their EBC. Since our goal was to define the average of breath proteome, single samples were not analyzed but pooled together. Participants were divided into three groups of 20 and EBC samples were pooled and combined within the group within three days. Then, breath exosomes were isolated and confirmed biochemically and electron microscopy. The exosomes were then subjected to in-depth characterization by LC-MS/MS analysis.

The significant proteins shared across three breath proteome samples were then analyzed through gene ontology functional enrichment analysis to define the core of the breath exosome proteome. Characterization of the breath exosome proteome has never been previously reported. Bioinformatics techniques were used to compare the benchmark proteome of exosomes derived from human breath to the proteome of exosomes obtained from WI-38 cells

to show that these cells were a valid proxy for breath-derived exosomes. The benchmark of the breath exosome proteome from healthy volunteers allows for future comparison to exosomes obtained from conditions of lung dysfunction, including lung cancer. We foresee their use in non-invasive breath-based clinical applications for medical diagnostics for lung cancer as an important future application. Another significant finding included potential lung cancer biomarkers identified from cell-derived exosomes. We reported nine biomarkers, four of which were selected as most likely to be efficient in identifying early-stage lung cancer. Proposed biomarkers were validated through the western blotting, which confirmed the absence of cancer biomarkers on healthy lung cell-derived exosomes and breath-derived exosomes collected from volunteers.

Chapter 4 combined findings from the previous two chapters and applied them into development of a sensitive test that should recognize proposed cancer biomarkers on lung cancer exosomes. The FRET-based assay was developed to detect the interaction between exosomes and putative lung cancer biomarkers with a final goal to distinguish between lung cancer and healthy lung exosomes. The assay involved a pair of antibodies corresponding to proposed biomarkers, one of them labeled with a donor fluorophore and the other labeled with an acceptor fluorophore. These were incubated with the exosomes in solution. Based on our assumption that proposed biomarkers are present at a low abundance in the samples, we were looking for a sensitive detection method. As proof-of-principle, we tested the chosen fluorophore pair on known general tetraspanin EV markers CD63 and CD81 which are embedded on the surface of exosome before moving on to antibodies corresponding to proposed biomarkers. Calculation of the lifetime decays of the donor in the proposed FRET pairs compared to controls showed that the FRET-based assay can distinguish between cancerous and non-tumorigenic exosomes. In conclusion, the thesis has discussed the application of breath-derived exosomes for non-invasive diagnosis of lung health by using the developed FRET-based assay with the ultimate goal of early-stage diagnosis of lung cancer.

## PUBLICATIONS

\*There is no work presented in publications #2 and #3 is included in the thesis. Components of the publication #1 that were done by Déanna Shea (Ayupova) used in the section 2.2.3 (cryo-SEM image of breath-derived exosomes) and section 2.5 (Fig. 22 western blotting validation of breath-derived exosomes) of this thesis. Publication #4 has been used as citation in section 1.1.1.

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<sup>1</sup> G.D. conducted experiments including the isolation and characterization of extracellular vesicles, surface plasmon resonance; A.D. conducted EIS experiments; **D.A.** conducted experiments of isolation of extracellular vesicles, cell culture and western blot experiment and analysis. R.G. and P.T. conceptualized the project and supervised the experimental work.

<sup>2</sup> Conceptualization-**D.A.** and R.G.; methodology-**D.A.**, G.D., and G.L.; software-**D.A.**; validation-**D.A.** and G.D.; formal analysis-**D.A.**, and G.D.; investigation-**D.A.**, G.D., R.G., and T.N.; resources, R.G. and T.N.; data curation-**D.A.**, and R.G.; writing—original draft preparation, **D.A.** and R.G.; writing—review and editing, **D.A.**, G.D., and R.G.; visualization-**D.A.**, G.D., and R.G.; supervision, R.G. and T.N.; project administration, R.G. and T.N.; funding acquisition, R.G. and T.N.

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## ETHICS APPROVAL

### Document 2. Health and Disability Ethics Committees approval



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Dear Ms Ayupova

Study title: Determining the benchmark proteome of breath-derived exosomes from healthy volunteers

Thank you for contacting the Ethics team regarding whether your research proposal was in scope for HDEC review on 31 July 2020. The Secretariat has assessed the information provided in your proposal and supporting documents against the Standard Operating Procedures.

Your study will not require submission to HDEC as, on the basis of the information you have submitted, it does not appear to be within the scope of HDEC review. This scope is described in section three of the Standard Operating Procedures for Health and Disability Ethics Committees.

An observational study requires HDEC review only if the study involves more than minimal risk (that is, potential participants could reasonably be expected to regard the probability and magnitude of possible harms resulting from their participation in the study to be greater than those encountered in those aspects of their everyday life that relate to the study).

For the avoidance of doubt, an observational study always involves more than minimal risk if it involves one or more of the following:

- one or more participants who will not have given informed consent to participate, or
- one or more participants who are vulnerable (that is, who have restricted capability to make independent decisions about their participation in the study), or
- standard treatment being withheld from one or more participants, or
- the storage, preservation or use of identifiable human tissue without consent, or
- the disclosure of identifiable health information without authorisation.

If you consider that our advice on your project being out of scope is incorrect please contact us as soon as possible giving reasons for this.

This letter does not constitute ethical approval or endorsement for the activity described in your application, but may be used as evidence that HDEC review is not required for it.


Please note, your locality may have additional ethical review policies, please check with your locality. If your study involves a DHB, you must contact the DHB's research office before you begin. If your study involves a university or polytechnic, you must contact its institutional ethics committee before you begin. We recommend you contact Auckland District Health Board's ethic committee(s) for guidance.

Please don't hesitate to contact us for further information.

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Thank you for your application for ethical approval, which has now been considered by the Human Ethics Committee.

Your application has been approved from the above date and this approval is valid for three years. If your data collection is not completed by this date you should apply to the Human Ethics Committee for an extension to this approval.

Best wishes with the research.

Kind regards,

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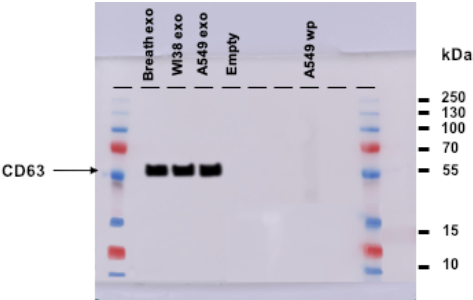


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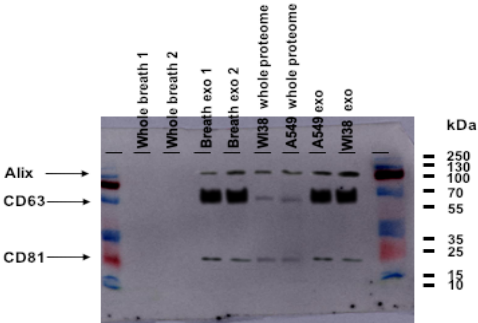


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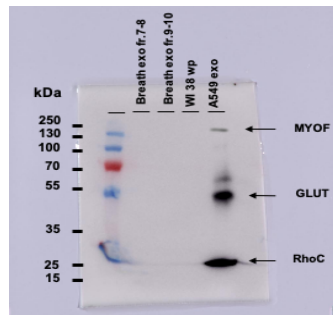


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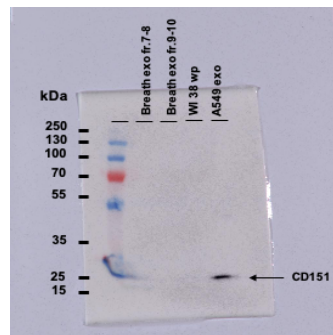


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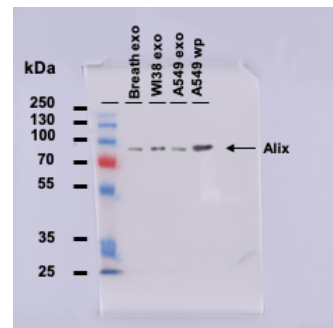


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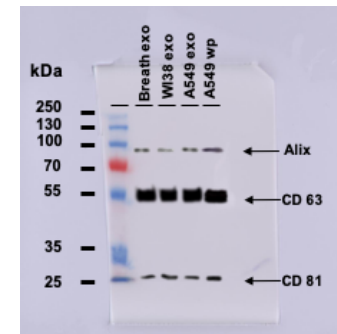


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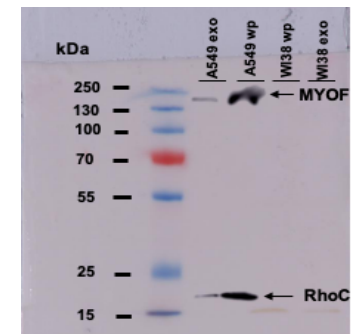


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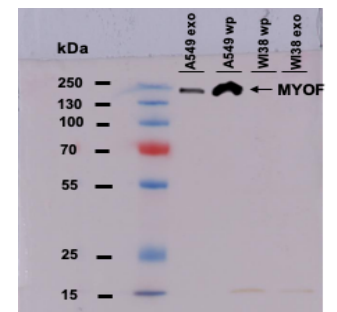


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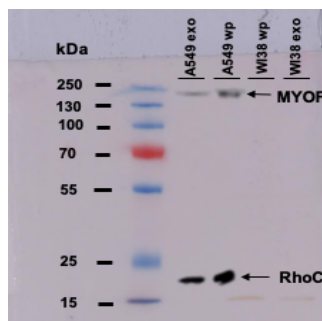


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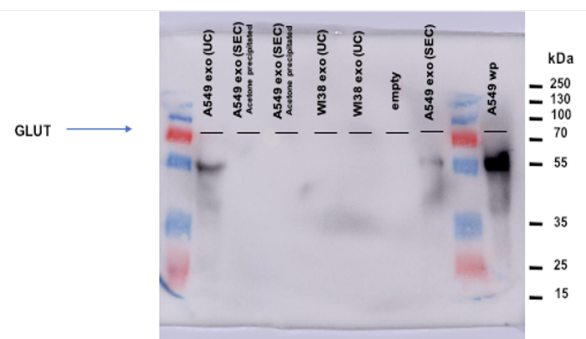


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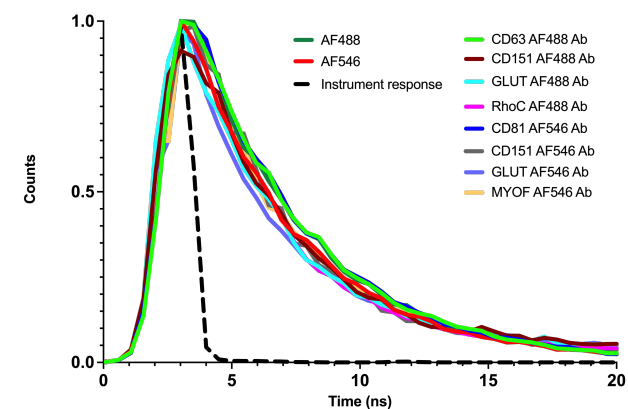


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Day of the experiment	Cell average	Number of live cells per square	Number of dead cells per square	Viability, %	V of CCM, mL	Total cells
Day 1 (T25 flask 1)	71	69	2	n/a	4	4830000
(T25 flask 2)	63	60	3	n/a	4	4200000
(T25 flask 3)	62	60	2	n/a	4	4200000
Day 3 (T75 flask 1)	237	235	2	99	11	32900000
(T75 flask 2)	138	137	1	99	11	19180000
(T75 flask 3)	146	144	2	99	11	20160000
Day 6 (T75 flask 1)	118	116	2	98	11	16240000
(T75 flask 2)	119	117	2	98	11	16380000
(T75 flask 3)	126	125	1	99	11	17500000
(T75 flask 4)	120	118	2	98	11	16520000
(T75 flask 5)	275	270	5	98	11	37800000
(T75 flask 6)	136	133	3	98	11	18620000
(T75 flask 7)	161	158	3	98	11	22120000
(T75 flask 8)	168	165	3	98	11	23100000
Day 9 (T75 flask 1)	418	413	5	99	11	57820000
(T75 flask 2)	421	415	6	99	11	58100000
T75 flask 3-5 combined)	418	413	5	99	11	57820000
T75 flask 6-9 combined)	420	415	5	99	11	58100000
T75 flasks 10-11 combined	285	283	2	99	11	39620000
Day 12 ( T75 flask 1)	114	122	2	98	11	17080000

Table S 2. Raw list of proteins found at least once with a high quality peptide match identified in at least one sample of A549 cell-derived exosomes.

Protein ID	Protein ID	Protein ID
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**Table S 3.** Raw list of proteins found at least once with a high quality peptide match identified in at least one sample of WI-38 cell-derived exosomes.

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**Table S 4.** Raw list of proteins found at least once with a high quality peptide match identified in at least one sample of whole proteome of A549 cells.

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**Table S 5.** Raw list of proteins found at least once with a high quality peptide match identified in at least one sample of WI-38 cells.

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**Table S 6.** GO analysis of A549 cell-derived exosomes. The analysis was performed by using g:Profiler software.  
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**Table S 7.** GO analysis of WI-38 cell-derived exosome. The analysis was performed by using g:Profiler software.  
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GO:CC	cell junction	GO:0030054	3.82658964395409E-15	14.417188108175700	2131	308	89	18963
GO:CC	organelle	GO:0043226	2.27760416107828E-14	13.642521752424300	13974	308	284	18963
GO:CC	basement membrane	GO:0005604	8.07555439884575E-14	13.09282765300990	103	308	20	18963
GO:CC	cytosol	GO:0005829	2.09479077796435E-13	12.678859346689600	5231	308	151	18963
GO:CC	vacuolar lumen	GO:0005775	2.82105007405045E-13	12.549589204985800	174	308	24	18963
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GO:CC	pigment granule	GO:0048770	1.80037715688974E-12	11.74463650600890	105	308	19	18963
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GO:CC	organelle lumen	GO:0043233	5.04715969784618E-12	11.296952953479900	5468	308	152	18963
GO:CC	endoplasmic reticulum	GO:0005783	5.10342451826872E-12	11.292138304238200	1975	308	79	18963
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GO:CC	vacuole	GO:0005773	4.94569075112773E-10	9.305773043105670	807	308	44	18963
GO:CC	protein-containing complex	GO:0032991	6.55190655057267E-10	9.183632305518100	5556	308	148	18963
GO:CC	supramolecular complex	GO:0099080	1.38807156132421E-09	8.8575881434726	1337	308	58	18963
GO:CC	endocytic vesicle lumen	GO:0071682	3.00998758377284E-09	8.521435295871290	20	308	9	18963
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GO:CC	complex of collagen trimers	GO:0098644	2.24312708031262E-07	6.649146121550720	21	308	8	18963
GO:CC	platelet dense granule lumen	GO:0031089	2.59689277155119E-07	6.585545982478920	14	308	7	18963
GO:CC	perinuclear region of cytoplasm	GO:0048471	0.0000013497439682645700	5.869748604627430	740	308	36	18963
GO:CC	lysosomal lumen	GO:0043202	0.0000017492948836575400	5.757136974083120	97	308	13	18963
GO:CC	cell cortex	GO:0005938	0.000003858851371228060	5.413541948533700	318	308	22	18963
GO:CC	fibrillar collagen trimer	GO:0005583	0.0000044570602573208100	5.350951494420660	12	308	6	18963
GO:CC	banded collagen fibril	GO:0098643	0.0000044570602573208100	5.350951494420660	12	308	6	18963
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GO:CC	lipoprotein particle	GO:1990777	0.000683341924716555	3.1653619334197100	38	308	7	18963
GO:CC	membrane attack complex	GO:0005579	0.0006882219467886950	3.1622714822276600	7	308	4	18963
GO:CC	sarcolemma	GO:0042383	0.0008004432355496520	3.096669461198350	138	308	12	18963
GO:CC	intracellular organelle lumen	GO:0070013	0.0010020813245658900	2.9990970315855300	5304	308	123	18963
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GO:CC	collagen type VI trimer	GO:0005589	0.0012706081191421600	2.8959883738651000	3	308	3	18963
GO:CC	laminin-10 complex	GO:0043259	0.0012706081191421600	2.8959883738651000	3	308	3	18963
GO:CC	Golgi lumen	GO:0005796	0.001437727107045800	2.842323538953910	99	308	10	18963
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GO:CC	podosome	GO:0002102	0.0022382476117435100	2.650091870236000	30	308	6	18963
GO:CC	cell periphery	GO:0071944	0.0023816774863688900	2.623117048635520	5786	308	130	18963
GO:CC	cortical actin cytoskeleton	GO:0030864	0.00240256313500242	2.6193251910380200	83	308	9	18963
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GO:CC	proteasome complex	GO:0000502	0.0033570989294374000	2.474035860457170	66	308	8	18963
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GO:CC	external side of plasma membrane	GO:0009897	0.005759980368777480	2.2395789967410500	420	308	20	18963
GO:CC	plasma membrane bounded cell projection	GO:0120025	0.0061277088820211	2.2127018755321800	2255	308	62	18963
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GO:CC	ribonucleoprotein complex	GO:1990904	0.007862004323767770	2.1044667216723800	693	308	27	18963
GO:CC	lamellipodium	GO:0030027	0.009175311632713730	2.0373791763326000	204	308	13	18963
GO:CC	cytosolic large ribosomal subunit	GO:0022625	0.010996018085288300	1.9587645545384200	57	308	7	18963
GO:CC	side of membrane	GO:0098552	0.012329032089182800	1.909071017064200	632	308	25	18963
GO:CC	intermediate-density lipoprotein particle	GO:0034363	0.012401453117334000	1.9065274242034600	5	308	3	18963
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GO:CC	ribosomal subunit	GO:0044391	0.02119267649242720	1.6738141913548900	191	308	12	18963
GO:CC	cell leading edge	GO:0031252	0.02456925725966830	1.6096079722502100	429	308	19	18963
GO:CC	plasma membrane	GO:0005886	0.02759313685104550	1.5591989251220800	5663	308	123	18963
GO:CC	cytosolic small ribosomal subunit	GO:0022627	0.03210100657304560	1.4934813494560100	47	308	6	18963
GO:CC	microvillus	GO:0005902	0.037786483428605900	1.4226635235001500	92	308	8	18963
GO:CC	adherens junction	GO:0005912	0.04208520218335800	1.3758705820699800	175	308	11	18963
KEGG	ECM-receptor interaction	KEGG:04512	5.09555398026286E-21	20.292808593307700	88	218	28	7987
KEGG	Focal adhesion	KEGG:04510	3.65771275063719E-17	16.43679040375620	200	218	35	7987
KEGG	Complement and coagulation cascades	KEGG:04610	3.86759135859286E-14	13.412559418788500	85	218	22	7987
KEGG	PI3K-Akt signaling pathway	KEGG:04151	1.88010322187695E-09	8.725818306342200	353	218	35	7987
KEGG	Human papillomavirus infection	KEGG:05165	6.58918875155577E-09	8.18116805162912	331	218	33	7987
KEGG	Amoebiasis	KEGG:05146	1.49084264686775E-07	6.826568192364120	101	218	17	7987
KEGG	Glycolysis / Gluconeogenesis	KEGG:00010	2.33257218979112E-07	6.632164906577050	67	218	14	7987
KEGG	Phagosome	KEGG:04145	2.81159108956E-07	6.551047841710890	148	218	20	7987
KEGG	Coronavirus disease - COVID-19	KEGG:05171	0.0000014815986323689400	5.829269431549630	231	218	24	7987
KEGG	Proteoglycans in cancer	KEGG:05205	0.00007058697293243770	4.151275442086850	205	218	20	7987
KEGG	Platelet activation	KEGG:04611	0.0001255962389938840	3.901023365444830	124	218	15	7987
KEGG	Carbon metabolism	KEGG:01200	0.00036276422997977000	3.4403755426931800	118	218	14	7987
KEGG	Protein digestion and absorption	KEGG:04974	0.00040609579891927700	3.3904100736140700	103	218	13	7987
KEGG	Biosynthesis of amino acids	KEGG:01230	0.0005241609514256820	3.2805353359495500	75	218	11	7987
KEGG	HIF-1 signaling pathway	KEGG:04066	0.003918467746074300	2.4068837236720200	109	218	12	7987
KEGG	Salmonella infection	KEGG:05132	0.004769796699479230	2.3215001312693100	249	218	19	7987
KEGG	Prion disease	KEGG:05020	0.005350386815183960	2.2716148187961300	273	218	20	7987

KEGG	Systemic lupus erythematosus	KEGG:05322	0.0065928664091156700	2.180925724252010	133	218	13	7987
KEGG	Regulation of actin cytoskeleton	KEGG:04810	0.008732623040141890	2.058855286563120	217	218	17	7987
KEGG	Pentose phosphate pathway	KEGG:00030	0.013506770983822200	1.86944846382189	30	218	6	7987
KEGG	Staphylococcus aureus infection	KEGG:05150	0.017734671924015100	1.751176841187400	91	218	10	7987
KEGG	Malaria	KEGG:05144	0.03386540970590260	1.4702436659032900	49	218	7	7987
KEGG	Cholesterol metabolism	KEGG:04979	0.038478904782172900	1.4147772977004400	50	218	7	7987

*Table S 8. List of proteins candidate biomarkers identified in A549 cell-derived exosomal proteome found at least twice with their Sum of PEP score.*

A549 exo proteins	Description	# of replicates	Sum of PEP score
<b>O00468-5</b>	Isoform 5 of Agrin	2	23.128
<b>O00560-1</b>	Syntenin-1	2	21.5605
<b>O43795</b>	Unconventional myosin-Ib	2	35.1345
<b>P02786</b>	Transferrin receptor protein 1	2	19.842
<b>P05023</b>	Sodium/potassium-transporting ATPase subunit alpha-1	2	27.0535
<b>P06576</b>	ATP synthase subunit beta, mitochondrial	2	36.7945
<b>P07355</b>	Annexin A2	2	67.3405
<b>P08195</b>	4F2 cell-surface antigen heavy chain	2	86.061
<b>P10809</b>	60 kDa heat shock protein, mitochondrial	2	59.013
<b>P16401</b>	Histone H1.5	2	23.368
<b>P25705-1</b>	ATP synthase subunit alpha, mitochondrial	2	26.285
<b>P26006</b>	Integrin alpha-3	2	29.465
<b>P29401</b>	Transketolase	2	19.679
<b>P40926</b>	Malate dehydrogenase, mitochondrial	2	36.5445
<b>P54652</b>	Heat shock-related 70 kDa protein 2	2	25.768
<b>P62701</b>	40S ribosomal protein S4, X isoform	2	15.7245
<b>P68104</b>	Elongation factor 1-alpha 1	2	25.314
<b>Q00610-1</b>	Clathrin heavy chain 1	2	85.869
<b>Q07020</b>	60S ribosomal protein L18	2	19.4515
<b>Q13885</b>	Tubulin beta-2A chain	2	43.28
<b>Q7L7L0</b>	Histone H2A type 3	2	21.9595
<b>Q9NZM1</b>	Tubulin beta-1 chain	2	48.0405

**Table S 9.** Protein concentration of the exosome samples (E- breath-derived exosomes from a single individual, WHB – whole breath sample from a single individual, S- breath-derived exosomes collected from volunteers) in the vial.

Sample name	Peptide quant (ng/ $\mu$ L)	V total ( $\mu$ L)	Total protein (ng)	Conc (mg/mL)
E1	87.8	20	1756	0.0878
E2	99.7	20	1994	0.0997
E3	108	18	1944	0.108
E4	98.6	20	1972	0.0986
WHB1	36.94	45	1662.3	0.03694
WHB2	36.551	45	1644.795	0.036551
WHB3	21.53	45	968.85	0.02153
WHB4	21.815	45	981.675	0.021815
S1	21.873	45	984.285	0.021873
S2	18.37	45	826.65	0.01837
S3	13.799	20	275.98	0.013799

**Table S 10.** List of proteins found at least once with a high quality peptide match identified in breath-derived exosomes collected from volunteers.

Protein ID	Protein ID	Protein ID	Protein ID	Protein ID	Protein ID
A0A075B6H7	O95498	P06870	P22392	P60660	Q5JTV8
A0A075B6H9	O95716	P07195	P22735	P60842	Q5QNW6
A0A075B6I6	P00338	P07237	P22894	P60900	Q5SSG8
A0A075B6I9	P00450	P07339	P23246	P60953	Q5SZK8
A0A075B6J9	P00491	P07355	P23280	P61019	Q5T749
A0A075B6K4	P00558	P07358	P23284	P61020	Q5T750
A0A075B6S5	P00734	P07360	P23381	P61026	Q5TEC6
A0A075B7B8	P00736	P07437	P23526	P61106	Q5VT79
A0A075B7D0	P00738	P07476	P23528	P61158	Q5VVJ2
A0A087WSY6	P00739	P07602	P24158	P61160	Q5VZK9
A0A087WUI2	P00747	P07737	P24534	P61224	Q68DW7
A0A087X0Q4	P00751	P07858	P25311	P61247	Q6A163
A0A0A0MQZ1	P01008	P07864	P25705	P61313	Q6F5E8
A0A0A0MRZ8	P01009	P07900	P26038	P61626	Q6MZM9
A0A0A0MSI5	P01011	P07996	P26447	P61769	Q6P4A8
A0A0A0MT36	P01023	P08123	P26583	P61978	Q6P5S2
A0A0B4JIU3	P01024	P08133	P26641	P61981	Q6PCB0
A0A0B4JIU7	P01033	P08174	P27105	P62081	Q6UWP8
A0A0B4JIV0	P01034	P08238	P27348	P62158	Q6XQN6
A0A0B4JIX5	P01036	P08246	P27482	P62241	Q6YP21
A0A0B4JIY9	P01037	P08294	P27487	P62269	Q6ZSL4
A0A0C4DGG8	P01040	P08311	P27797	P62328	Q70J99

A0A0C4DH25	P01042	P08493	P27918	P62491	Q71U36
A0A0C4DH29	P01591	P08571	P28062	P62701	Q75VX8
A0A0C4DH31	P01602	P08575	P28066	P62714	Q7RTR2
A0A0C4DH35	P01614	P08582	P28325	P62753	Q7Z569
A0A0C4DH38	P01619	P08603	P28676	P62805	Q7Z794
A0A0C4DH55	P01624	P08637	P28799	P62820	Q7Z7M9
A0A0C4DH68	P01699	P08670	P29350	P62826	Q86UX7
A0A0C4DH72	P01700	P08758	P29373	P62857	Q86V81
A0A0G2JMB2	P01701	P08779	P29401	P62873	Q86VR7
A0A0G2JPR0	P01703	P08865	P29508	P62937	Q86VZ4
A0A0G2JRK6	P01706	P09211	P30040	P62987	Q86X29
A0A0J9YY99	P01709	P09228	P30041	P63104	Q86XI8
A0A140TA29	P01714	P09237	P30044	P63241	Q86Y34
A0A1X7SBS1	P01718	P09382	P30086	P67775	Q86Y46
A0A2Q2TTZ9	P01721	P09429	P30153	P68104	Q86YZ3
A0A2R8Y5S7	P01762	P09493	P30273	P68133	Q8IWL2
A0A2R8YEA7	P01763	P09958	P30501	P68366	Q8IZ83
A0A3B3IRN5	P01766	P09972	P30520	P68371	Q8IZP0
A0M8Q6	P01768	P0CG39	P30626	P68871	Q8N0Y7
A8K2U0	P01782	P0DJ18	P30740	P69905	Q8N1N4
A8MTF8	P01833	P0DJ19	P30838	P78371	Q8N4F0
A8MUU1	P01834	P0DMV8	P31025	P80188	Q8NBB4
A8MVU1	P01857	P0DOX7	P31146	P80511	Q8NBJ4
B3EWG6	P01859	P0DOY2	P31150	P80723	Q8NEL9
B4DEH5	P01860	P0DOY3	P31151	P80748	Q8TAA3
B9A064	P01861	P0DP01	P31943	P81605	Q8TAX7
C9IZR8	P01871	P0DP04	P31944	P84243	Q8TCU6
C9J7B7	P01876	P10153	P31946	P98160	Q8TDL5
C9J8J7	P02042	P10599	P31947	Q00610	Q8TEA7
C9JX95	P02452	P10606	P31949	Q01469	Q8TF09
D3DSM0	P02533	P10809	P31997	Q01518	Q8WUM4
D6RF35	P02538	P10909	P32119	Q01546	Q92743
E9PDK7	P02545	P11021	P32320	Q01968	Q92817
E9PKU7	P02647	P11142	P32926	Q02413	Q92876
E9PLE9	P02649	P11215	P33241	Q02487	Q92882
E9PLZ3	P02652	P11413	P34096	Q02543	Q92888
F5GXS2	P02654	P12109	P34931	Q02809	Q92896
G3V1R1	P02656	P12236	P35268	Q02818	Q96AE4
G3V1R6	P02671	P12273	P35527	Q03591	Q96BQ1

G5EA09	P02675	P12429	P35579	Q04446	Q96C03
H0Y4V9	P02679	P12724	P35754	Q04609	Q96DA0
H0Y8Z5	P02748	P12814	P35858	Q04695	Q96DR5
HOYAL9	P02749	P13639	P35908	Q04917	Q96DR8
HOYER0	P02751	P13645	P36578	Q05315	Q96GQ7
H0YF32	P02760	P13646	P36952	Q05639	Q96HE7
H0YGX7	P02763	P13647	P37802	Q06830	Q96P63
H0YJW5	P02765	P13667	P37837	Q07020	Q96QB1
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H7BZJ3	P02768	P13796	P39019	Q07654	Q99439
H7C169	P02787	P13797	P39060	Q07955	Q99497
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K7ELH5	P02794	P13987	P40197	Q08380	Q99715
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O00299	P04004	P14780	P42167	Q11201	Q9BW30
O00391	P04040	P14854	P43490	Q12931	Q9BXJ4
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O00748	P04080	P15153	P47755	Q13162	Q9H0E2
O14647	P04083	P15311	P47929	Q13217	Q9H173
O14727	P04114	P15328	P48382	Q13231	Q9H1E1
O14745	P04196	P15515	P48643	Q13421	Q9H299
O14773	P04217	P15516	P49189	Q13438	Q9H2K2
O14950	P04259	P15814	P49368	Q13561	Q9H4G4
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O43240	P04745	P17213	P50990	Q14134	Q9NYL9
O43296	P04792	P17858	P50991	Q14254	Q9NZT1
O43399	P04839	P17931	P50995	Q14508	Q9UBC9
O43490	P04899	P17980	P51148	Q14515	Q9UBG3

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O60343	P05155	P18669	P51991	Q14847	Q9UEF7
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O60664	P05204	P19878	P52565	Q15084	Q9UJU6
O60701	P05387	P19957	P52790	Q15149	Q9UKG1
O60812	P06310	P19971	P52907	Q15365	Q9UKR0
O60814	P06312	P20061	P53634	Q15517	Q9UKR3
O75015	P06331	P20160	P54108	Q15691	Q9UL52
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O75367	P06576	P20742	P55058	Q15904	Q9Y272
O75531	P06702	P20810	P55072	Q15942	Q9Y2J8
O75594	P06703	P20930	P55268	Q16610	Q9Y490
O75874	P06727	P21281	P55786	Q16629	Q9Y4L1
O75888	P06731	P21333	P58107	Q16777	Q9Y653
O75955	P06733	P21926	P59665	Q16851	Q9Y6R7
O94985	P06737	P22061	P59998	Q210M4	S4R3R4
O95171	P06744	P22079	P60022	Q32P51	S4R460
O95274	P06748	P22307	P60033	Q562R1	
O95445	P06753	P22314	P60174	Q5D862	

*Table S 11. Raw list of proteins found at least twice with a high quality peptide match identified as core breath proteome (297).*

Protein ID	Protein ID	Protein ID	Protein ID	Protein ID	Protein ID
A0A075B6H7	P01699	P06576	P14780	P35579	Q08188
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A0A0A0MRZ8	P01701	P06703	P15153	P37837	Q09666
A0A0A0MS15	P01714	P06733	P15311	P38606	Q11201
A0A0B4J1V0	P01721	P06737	P15515	P40121	Q13043
A0A0B4J1X5	P01833	P06744	P15516	P41218	Q13162
A0A0B4J1Y9	P01834	P06753	P15924	P47929	Q13231
A0A0C4DH25	P01859	P06870	P16401	P49913	Q13438
A0A0C4DH31	P01860	P07195	P16402	P50990	Q13835
A0A0G2JMB2	P01861	P07237	P16870	P51149	Q14103
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B4DEH5	P02647	P07900	P20061	P55000	Q16610
B9A064	P02671	P07996	P20160	P59665	Q16777
G3V1R1	P02675	P08133	P21333	P59998	Q210M4
H7BZJ3	P02679	P08238	P21926	P60022	Q32P51
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O00299	P02751	P08493	P22314	P60842	Q5QNW6
O00391	P02760	P08571	P23280	P61158	Q5T749
O14773	P02768	P08670	P23381	P61160	Q6MZM9
O14950	P02787	P08779	P23528	P61224	Q6P5S2
O15143	P02788	P09211	P24158	P61626	Q6UWP8
O15144	P02790	P09228	P25311	P61769	Q71U36
O15145	P02808	P09958	P25705	P61978	Q8N1N4
O15511	P02810	P0DJ18	P27482	P62328	Q8N4F0
O43240	P02812	P0DJ19	P27487	P62805	Q8TAX7
O43490	P02814	P0DMV8	P28062	P62826	Q8TDL5
O75083	P03973	P0DOY3	P28066	P62937	Q8WUM4
O75594	P04004	P0DUB6	P28325	P62987	Q92743
O75874	P04040	P10153	P28676	P63104	Q92817
O75955	P04075	P10606	P28799	P68104	Q92882
O95716	P04080	P10809	P29401	P68133	Q96DA0
P00338	P04083	P10909	P30040	P68366	Q96DR5
P00491	P04196	P11021	P30041	P68371	Q96QR1
P00558	P04259	P11142	P30153	P68871	Q99536
P00734	P04264	P11413	P30740	P69905	Q9BRK5
P00747	P04406	P12273	P31025	P78371	Q9HC84
P01008	P04792	P12429	P31146	P80188	Q9HD89
P01009	P04839	P12724	P31151	P80748	Q9NZT1
P01023	P04899	P13639	P31944	P81605	Q9UBG3
P01024	P05089	P13645	P31946	Q01518	Q9UBX7
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P01036	P05109	P13647	P31949	Q02818	Q9Y490
P01037	P05164	P13716	P32320	Q04695	Q9Y6R7
P01040	P05204	P13796	P32926	Q05315	S4R460
P01591	P06310	P13987	P33241	Q06830	
P01614	P06331	P14174	P34096	Q07065	
P01619	P06396	P14618	P35527	Q07654	

**Table S 12.** Subset of core breath proteome found at least twice with a high quality peptide match consisting of 184 proteins.

Protein ID	Protein ID	Protein ID	Protein ID	Protein ID	Protein ID
A0A075B6H7	P01036	P05204	P15515	P37837	Q14508
A0A075B6I9	P01037	P06310	P15516	P38606	Q14515
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A0A0A0MS15	P01591	P06576	P16402	P47929	Q16777
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A0A0B4J1Y9	P01699	P06753	P19823	P59998	Q562R1
A0A0C4DH25	P01700	P06870	P19971	P60022	Q5QNW6
A0A0C4DH31	P01701	P07195	P22079	P60660	Q5T749
A0A0G2JMB2	P01714	P07237	P22314	P60842	Q6MZM9
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A0A2R8YEA7	P01834	P08133	P23381	P61978	Q6UWP8
A0M8Q6	P01859	P08493	P23528	P62805	Q71U36
A8K2U0	P01860	P08670	P25311	P62826	Q8N1N4
B9A064	P01861	P08779	P25705	P62987	Q8N4F0
G3V1R1	P01871	P09228	P27482	P63104	Q8TAX7
H7BZJ3	P01876	P09958	P27487	P68133	Q8TDL5
O00160	P02533	P0DJ18	P28062	P69905	Q8WUM4
O00299	P02538	P0DJ19	P28325	P80748	Q92743
O14773	P02760	P0DOY3	P29401	P81605	Q92817
O14950	P02790	P0DUB6	P30040	Q02818	Q96DA0
O15143	P02808	P10606	P30153	Q04695	Q96DR5
O15144	P02810	P10809	P31025	Q05315	Q96QR1
O15145	P02812	P11021	P31944	Q06830	Q9HC84
O43240	P02814	P11413	P31946	Q07654	Q9UBG3
O43490	P04004	P12273	P31947	Q08188	Q9UBX7
O75955	P04083	P13645	P32926	Q09666	Q9UGM3
P00338	P04259	P13646	P33241	Q11201	Q9Y6R7
P00558	P04406	P13647	P34096	Q13043	S4R460
P00734	P04792	P13796	P35527	Q13438	
P01008	P05090	P15311	P35908	Q14103	

**Table S 13.** GO analysis of breath exosomal proteome (297 proteins). The analysis was performed by using g:Profiler software.

\*The list of proteins associated with each ontology is available on request [deanna.shea@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:deanna.shea@vuw.ac.nz)

Source	Term name	Term ID	Adjusted p-value	Negative log10 of adjusted p-value	Term	Query size	Intersection size	Effective domain size
GO:MF	structural constituent of cytoskeleton	GO:0005200	3.56E-19	18.4491073		286	24	18679
GO:MF	cell adhesion molecule binding	GO:0050839	6.6NE-18	17.1775235	544	286	45	18679
GO:MF	antigen binding	GO:0003823	1.39E-16	15.858446	163	286	26	18679
GO:MF	cadherin binding	GO:0045296	6.00E-15	14.2220133	333	286	33	18679
GO:MF	endopeptidase inhibitor activity	GO:0004866	1.22E-13	12.9120381	175	286	24	18679
GO:MF	peptidase inhibitor activity	GO:0030414	2.68E-13	12.5712631	181	286	24	18679
GO:MF	peptidase regulator activity	GO:0061134	3.43E-13	12.4648782	222	286	26	18679
GO:MF	endopeptidase regulator activity	GO:0061135	5.71E-13	12.243628	187	286	24	18679
GO:MF	structural molecule activity	GO:0005198	5.97E-13	12.2240176	701	286	44	18679
GO:MF	enzyme inhibitor activity	GO:0004857	2.94E-11	10.5315229	391	286	31	18679
GO:MF	signaling receptor binding	GO:0005102	2.14E-10	9.66993416	1551	286	63	18679
GO:MF	immunoglobulin receptor binding	GO:0034987	2.73E-10	9.56398203	77	286	15	18679
GO:MF	protein-containing complex binding	GO:0044877	6.19E-10	9.20827271	1304	286	56	18679
GO:MF	actin filament binding	GO:0051015	6.46E-09	8.1900157	213	286	21	18679
GO:MF	identical protein binding	GO:0042802	3.72E-08	7.42940097	2063	286	70	18679
GO:MF	protease binding	GO:0002020	7.52E-08	7.12404684	131	286	16	18679
GO:MF	cysteine-type endopeptidase inhibitor activity	GO:0004869	1.36E-07	6.86685915	52	286	11	18679
GO:MF	actin binding	GO:0003779	1.47E-07	6.83252306	449	286	28	18679
GO:MF	calcium-dependent protein binding	GO:0048306	1.73E-07	6.76310209	83	286	13	18679
GO:MF	cytoskeletal protein binding	GO:0008092	1.1828E-06	5.92710429	1001	286	42	18679
GO:MF	enzyme binding	GO:0019899	3.2008E-06	5.49474041	2048	286	65	18679
GO:MF	serine-type endopeptidase inhibitor activity	GO:0004867	1.456E-05	4.83682839	98	286	12	18679
GO:MF	serine-type endopeptidase activity	GO:0004252	1.978E-05	4.70377325	167	286	15	18679
GO:MF	antioxidant activity	GO:0016209	3.92E-05	4.40670865	87	286	11	18679
GO:MF	peroxidase activity	GO:0004601	4.3954E-05	4.3570064	53	286	9	18679
GO:MF	glycosaminoglycan binding	GO:0005539	7.252E-05	4.13954296	238	286	17	18679
GO:MF	serine-type peptidase activity	GO:0008236	7.6602E-05	4.11575833	185	286	15	18679
GO:MF	oxidoreductase activity, acting on peroxide as acceptor	GO:0016684	8.4577E-05	4.07274748	57	286	9	18679
GO:MF	serine hydrolase activity	GO:0017171	0.00010124	3.99466335	189	286	15	18679
GO:MF	carbohydrate derivative binding	GO:0097367	0.00018875	3.72412397	2282	286	65	18679
GO:MF	lipopolysaccharide binding	GO:0001530	0.00019499	3.70999876	32	286	7	18679
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GO:MF	small molecule binding	GO:0036094	0.0026774	2.57228599	2516	286	66	18679
GO:MF	molecular function regulator	GO:0098772	0.00338698	2.47018793	1115	286	37	18679
GO:MF	enzyme regulator activity	GO:0030234	0.00478119	2.32046362	911	286	32	18679
GO:MF	heparin binding	GO:0008201	0.00489319	2.31040779	168	286	12	18679
GO:MF	disordered domain specific binding	GO:0097718	0.00502854	2.29855818	34	286	6	18679
GO:MF	binding	GO:0005488	0.00650883	2.18649739	17070	286	279	18679
GO:MF	peptidase activity	GO:0008233	0.00988025	2.00523228	647	286	25	18679
GO:MF	phospholipase A2 inhibitor activity	GO:0019834	0.01522927	1.81732102	5	286	3	18679
GO:MF	protein binding	GO:0005515	0.017468	1.75775669	14767	286	252	18679
GO:MF	protein dimerization activity	GO:0046983	0.02077981	1.68235835	1073	286	34	18679
GO:MF	protein homodimerization activity	GO:0042803	0.02176566	1.66222821	679	286	25	18679
GO:MF	structural constituent of skin epidermis	GO:0030280	0.02820419	1.54968642	15	286	4	18679
GO:MF	intermediate filament binding	GO:0019215	0.02820419	1.54968642	15	286	4	18679
GO:MF	lipase inhibitor activity	GO:0055102	0.04800195	1.31874111	17	286	4	18679
GO:MF	MHC class II protein complex binding	GO:0023026	0.04800195	1.31874111	17	286	4	18679
GO:MF	structural constituent of cytoskeleton	GO:0005200	3.56E-19	18.4491073	104	286	24	18679
GO:MF	cell adhesion molecule binding	GO:0050839	6.64E-18	17.1775235	544	286	45	18679
GO:MF	antigen binding	GO:0003823	1.39E-16	15.858446	163	286	26	18679
GO:MF	cadherin binding	GO:0045296	6.00E-15	14.2220133	333	286	33	18679
GO:MF	endopeptidase inhibitor activity	GO:0004866	1.22E-13	12.9120381	175	286	24	18679
GO:MF	peptidase inhibitor activity	GO:0030414	2.68E-13	12.5712631	181	286	24	18679
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GO:MF	identical protein binding	GO:0042802	3.72E-08	7.42940097	2063	286	70	18679
GO:MF	protease binding	GO:0002020	7.52E-08	7.12404684	131	286	16	18679
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GO:MF	actin binding	GO:0003779	1.47E-07	6.83252306	449	286	28	18679
GO:MF	calcium-dependent protein binding	GO:0048306	1.73E-07	6.76310209	83	286	13	18679
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GO:MF	peroxidase activity	GO:0004601	4.3954E-05	4.3570064	53	286	9	18679
GO:MF	glycosaminoglycan binding	GO:0005539	7.252E-05	4.13954296	238	286	17	18679



GO:MF	serine-type peptidase activity	GO:0008236	7.6602E-05	4.11575833	185	286	15	18679
GO:MF	oxidoreductase activity, acting on peroxide as acceptor	GO:0016684	8.4577E-05	4.07274748	57	286	9	18679
GO:MF	serine hydrolase activity	GO:0017171	0.00010124	3.99466335	189	286	15	18679
GO:MF	carbohydrate derivative binding	GO:0097367	0.00018875	3.72412397	2282	286	65	18679
GO:MF	lipopolysaccharide binding	GO:0001530	0.00019499	3.70999876	32	286	7	18679
GO:MF	chaperone binding	GO:0051087	0.00030091	3.52156904	106	286	11	18679
GO:MF	calcium ion binding	GO:0005509	0.00033891	3.46991324	723	286	30	18679
GO:MF	protein folding chaperone	GO:0044183	0.00045889	3.33828738	36	286	7	18679
GO:MF	unfolded protein binding	GO:0051082	0.00057247	3.24224983	113	286	11	18679
GO:MF	S100 protein binding	GO:0044548	0.00063723	3.19570144	14	286	5	18679
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GO:MF	lipid binding	GO:0008289	0.00135763	2.86721831	774	286	30	18679
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GO:MF	protein dimerization activity	GO:0046983	0.02077981	1.68235835	1073	286	34	18679
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GO:MF	structural constituent of skin epidermis	GO:0030280	0.02820419	1.54968642	15	286	4	18679
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GO:BP	immune response	GO:0006955	2.26E-68	67.6464266	2544	288	170	18123
GO:BP	vesicle-mediated transport	GO:0016192	1.89E-66	65.7242567	2193	288	158	18123
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GO:CC	intermediate filament	GO:0005882	3.71E-07	6.43017726	219	291	19	18964
GO:CC	cytoplasm	GO:0005737	1.3253E-06	5.87769294	11951	291	229	18964
GO:CC	phagocytic vesicle	GO:0045335	8.7887E-06	5.05607765	139	291	14	18964
GO:CC	fibrinogen complex	GO:0005577	1.2595E-05	4.89978918	8	291	5	18964
GO:CC	cortical cytoskeleton	GO:0030863	1.2708E-05	4.89592901	121	291	13	18964
GO:CC	cell leading edge	GO:0031252	1.3645E-05	4.86503857	426	291	24	18964
GO:CC	monomeric IgA immunoglobulin complex	GO:0071748	1.5433E-05	4.81154372	4	291	4	18964
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GO:CC	cell junction	GO:0030054	8.8728E-05	4.05194049	2107	291	62	18964
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GO:CC	protein-containing complex	GO:0032991	0.00018814	3.72551029	5541	291	124	18964
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GO:CC	lytic vacuole membrane	GO:0098852	0.00349065	2.45709422	395	291	19	18964
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GO:CC	proton-transporting two-sector ATPase complex, catalytic domain	GO:0033178	0.03136481	1.50355731	17	291	4	18964
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KEGG	Salivary secretion	KEGG:04970	4.88E-12	11.3116881	91	175	19	8000
KEGG	Salmonella infection	KEGG:05132	1.9526E-06	5.70939441	249	175	22	8000
KEGG	Staphylococcus aureus infection	KEGG:05150	4.0995E-06	5.38727309	87	175	13	8000
KEGG	Carbon metabolism	KEGG:01200	1.9318E-05	4.71403767	116	175	14	8000
KEGG	Estrogen signaling pathway	KEGG:04915	2.5575E-05	4.59219099	137	175	15	8000
KEGG	Complement and coagulation cascades	KEGG:04610	2.6347E-05	4.57926592	85	175	12	8000
KEGG	Regulation of actin cytoskeleton	KEGG:04810	9.8597E-05	4.00613481	216	175	18	8000
KEGG	Pathogenic Escherichia coli infection	KEGG:05130	0.00011486	3.93984487	196	175	17	8000
KEGG	Glycolysis / Gluconeogenesis	KEGG:00010	0.0001596	3.79696132	67	175	10	8000
KEGG	Phagosome	KEGG:04145	0.00035236	3.45301673	147	175	14	8000
KEGG	Tight junction	KEGG:04530	0.0003785	3.42193447	169	175	15	8000
KEGG	Biosynthesis of amino acids	KEGG:01230	0.00045868	3.33848606	75	175	10	8000
KEGG	Pentose phosphate pathway	KEGG:00030	0.0037617	2.42461576	30	175	6	8000
KEGG	Bacterial invasion of epithelial cells	KEGG:05100	0.00408906	2.38837694	77	175	9	8000
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KEGG	Biosynthesis of amino acids	KEGG:01230	0.00045868	3.33848606	75	175	10	8000
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KEGG	Shigellosis	KEGG:05131	0.02990563	1.52424697	246	175	15	8000

**Table S 14.** GO analysis of breath exosomal proteome with proteins associated with “regulated exocytosis” removed (184 proteins). The analysis was performed by using g:Profiler software.

\*The list of proteins associated with each ontology is available on request [deanna.shea@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:deanna.shea@vuw.ac.nz)

Source	Term name	Term ID	Adjusted p-value	Negative log10 of adjusted p-value	Term size	Query size	Intersection size	Effective domain size
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GO:MF	cysteine-type endopeptidase inhibitor activity	GO:0004869	0.0005318295303777910	3.2742275516903100	55	182	7	18694
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GO:MF	signaling receptor binding	GO:0005102	0.016723943702746500	1.7766613030701800	1681	182	34	18694
GO:MF	proton-transporting ATP synthase activity, rotational mechanism	GO:0046933	0.029175637029161600	1.5349796526697600	22	182	4	18694
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GO:BP	humoral immune response	GO:0006959	1.57561033883263E-30	29.802551178102000	384	183	44	18092
GO:BP	humoral immune response mediated by circulating immunoglobulin	GO:0002455	6.54593483474649E-24	23.184028322439400	155	183	28	18092
GO:BP	complement activation, classical pathway	GO:0006958	1.35356563636743E-23	22.868520679814400	142	183	27	18092
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GO:BP	immunoglobulin mediated immune response	GO:0016064	2.2102243287455E-20	19.65556364496100	227	183	29	18092
GO:BP	B cell mediated immunity	GO:0019724	3.2357736141811E-20	19.490021870728200	230	183	29	18092
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GO:BP	positive regulation of immune system process	GO:0002684	1.48430421418775E-12	11.828477079513200	1070	183	44	18092
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GO:BP	phagocytosis, recognition	GO:0006910	1.8110554759326E-10	9.742068246250050	100	183	15	18092
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GO:BP	immune effector process	GO:0002252	4.39200939036124E-10	9.357336740011130	1310	183	45	18092
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GO:BP	defense response to other organism	GO:0098542	3.3399841279376E-09	8.47625559701044	1222	183	42	18092
GO:BP	biological process involved in interspecies interaction between organisms	GO:0044419	5.4778639180662E-09	8.261388760758040	2272	183	59	18092
GO:BP	response to biotic stimulus	GO:0009607	5.83459550275456E-09	8.233989247075490	1645	183	49	18092
GO:BP	phagocytosis, engulfment	GO:0006911	6.5834131107792E-09	8.18154889196813	127	183	15	18092
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GO:BP	detection of chemical stimulus involved in sensory perception of bitter taste	GO:0001580	0.00030868009535022000	3.510491374269990	40	183	7	18092
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KEGG	Staphylococcus aureus infection	KEGG:05150	0.0011481623496322400	2.9399966985544900	91	98	8	7987
KEGG	Pathogenic Escherichia coli infection	KEGG:05130	0.0020672069404387200	2.68461604558266	196	98	11	7987
KEGG	Regulation of actin cytoskeleton	KEGG:04810	0.005267525633485350	2.2783933422971500	217	98	11	7987
KEGG	Salmonella infection	KEGG:05132	0.017895275341643600	1.7472616150478500	249	98	11	7987
KEGG	Bacterial invasion of epithelial cells	KEGG:05100	0.027843484428300300	1.55527641657255	77	98	6	7987
KEGG	Pentose phosphate pathway	KEGG:00030	0.037053559274054	1.4311700689645500	30	98	4	7987
KEGG	Carbon metabolism	KEGG:01200	0.04750776325858160	1.323235416377740	118	98	7	7987
HPA	spleen; cells in red pulp[High]	HPA:0530713	0.005047299894272230	2.2969408901230200	771	126	23	10596
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HPA	tonsil; non-germinal center cells[High]	HPA:0600443	0.04680337730768620	1.329722807328210	1260	126	29	10596